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HEAD OF SCHOOL

DR. GLENN ZEDERAYKO

The 2019/2020 school year was special as every GNS student worked enthusiastically to do their best in academics, athletics and the arts. Each student put forth a great deal of effort enlivening the school values of truth, courage, caring individuality and community. They were well supported by caring and engaged parents in many wonderful ways. They were also engaged and inspired by expert and committed faculty and staff members who made students their priority. We are fortunate to have enjoyed the efforts of these two important groups.

This was also a year of unimaginable events. If anybody told me that there would be a worldwide pandemic that would close our school and businesses and boarders around the world forcing us to physically distance from others while completing the school year using Gryphons Online (GO!), I would have dismissed this as an outlandish and farfetched science fiction story.

Looking back at this unimaginable year, I am pleased to note that every GNS student did a great job getting to the end of the year regardless of the pandemic. In fact, each did a great job tackling the unknowns of COVID-19 while learning to adjust and adapt as required. This was with great thanks to parents, teachers and staff who put forth enormous efforts to create new ways of learning and being. I congratulate each student for continuing to learn, to move forward and, most importantly, to look after themselves, others during a truly bizarre period.

Congratulations to each GNS student who aptly demonstrated that they are courageous, adaptable and ready to keep moving forward to embrace a world where one of the few constants is change. The GNS Class of 2020 was an excellent representation of our students working towards realizing their potential and continuing their progress gradually defining and achieving their own version of success.

As I reflect on the year, it is very satisfying to say that it was a great year where so many contributed to making GNS a great place to parent, teach, work and learn. I invite you to enjoy the pages of this annual as you celebrate and reflect on the people who made the year so wonderful. Together, we created something great, despite the challenges of the pandemic. As you browse, I encourage you to imagine how each of us will carry our values forward to make each year to come meaningful and rewarding in so many wonderful ways.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

JEAN BIGELOW

This has been quite a year. It has tested us in many ways and I am proud to be able to say that we made it through! Who knew that we would have to pivot to remote learning with so little notice? We learned a great deal along the way and our families' perseverance and support made it all possible. Some days were smother than others and when we finally got back to in-person school in June, life became much more fun! We will look back on this pandemic knowing that we survived and actually found we were able to dig deep and do our best to "be kind, be calm and to stay safe" as Dr. Henry asked us to do.

But that was only part of the school year. The rest of the year was filled with incredible learning opportunities across the school. Units of Inquiry that dig deep into exploring how our senses help us understand our world, immigration patterns, animal habitats and much, much more. We loved participating in the Terry Fox Run and Cops for Cancer. We dressed up as notable people in Historical Halloween and we sang at Berwick Royal Oak, City Hall and Christ Church Cathedral. We ran, swam, played basketball and soccer. We kayaked and learned robotics and coding. We loved the Family Dance, building forts at the beach and our Friday Morning Live assemblies! We watched the new building going up and are excited to take our place in it in the Fall.

GNS Students set high standards for themselves, treating each other with warmth and respect. We take care of each other and have fun at the same time. Our motto for the year was Together We Build Community and did we ever! As Hellen Keller said, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much". This is evident everywhere we look at the Junior School, our little bit of paradise at the Beach.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

JAKE BURNETT

In the first assembly that I hosted online, after we had finished Spring Break, I shared two points. Firstly, that no one had asked for the changes that we were suddenly faced with, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, nor could anyone have predicted the impact it would have on our GNS community, on our province, our country or the world. Here at GNS, an enormous amount was done, in a very short space of time, when we were all faced with adversity beyond our imagination.

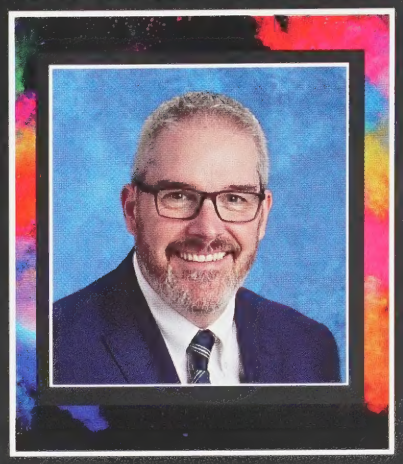
What I have seen is the strengthening of our community as we have come together. All of the amazing elements of the GNS Middle School that we were familiar with–Camp David at Qwanoes, performances on stage or on the sports field, caring for friends at recess or in the Dining Hall, being committed to service learning or snow camping, or kayaking, or debating, or Model United Nations, playing in the Band, creating art, excelling in the classroom or the lab–still tell us who we are, and will continue to make us the community we are.

We will not be defined by the pandemic. It will be a vivid memory for us all of an experience we went through together, but apart. There have been many amazing ways that our students, our teachers and our families have responded to many dramatic changes and faced them without a sense of failure or despair, but with creativity and ingenuity.

And this is, of course the very definition of 'persevering' as noted in the GNS IB Learner Profile. And very fittingly, our very own unique definition was conceived by our students. Never has this been so apt as now, as a quality that we have taken on:

Persevering is explained thus: We see possibilities where others see impossibilities and we are not afraid of failure. We work with determination, improving and making progress regardless of obstacles, with a focus on goal-setting and growth. We are always looking forward to the next challenge, to meet with courage and strength.

SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



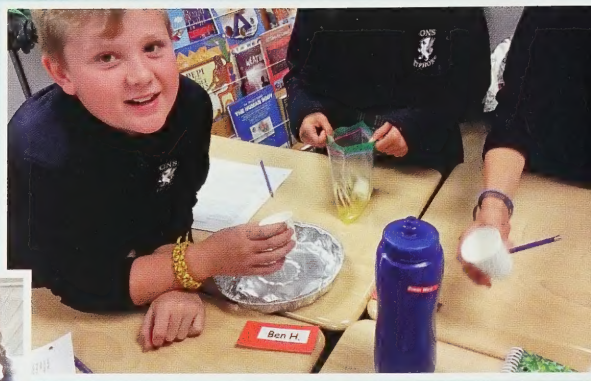
DOUG PALM

It has been a year unlike any others in the Senior School and there were certainly challenges that we have all faced over the past eleven weeks. And at the same time through truth and courage, it has been a wonderfully successful year for us. Throughout the year, at assemblies and at other appropriate events, we have acknowledged the progress and achievements of many people. We are very proud of the accomplishments of all our students, most especially in the way they care and support each other in their quest to do their very best...no matter where we are learning!

To the Senior School Students: You are the reason we are all here! At the beginning of each year you inspire us all to do our very best as you burst on the scene with your energy, enthusiasm, commitment and incredible positivity! Your resilience and dedication throughout the final term of the year has been nothing short of brilliant and we all thank you for contributing to a great year.

Throughout the year, at assemblies and at other appropriate events, we have acknowledged the progress and achievements of our Grade 12s. We are very proud of the accomplishments of each of them, most especially in the way they care and support each other in their quest to do their very best...no matter where we are learning!

GNS Grad Class of 2020, leaders that invest in their tomorrows while still able to savour their todays. I am confident you have, and will continue to make a true difference in the world. We are proud of you, Gryphons.



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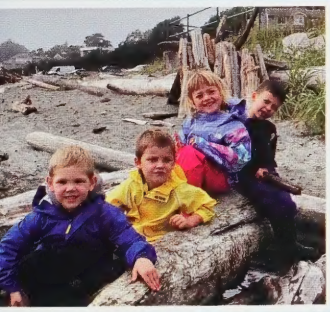

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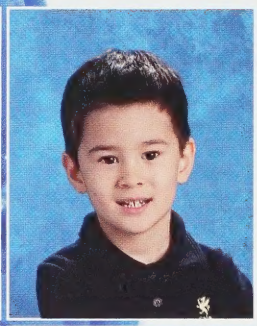

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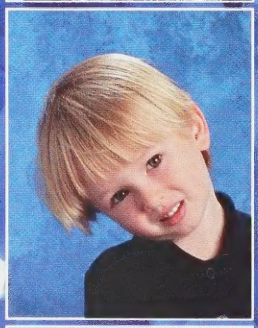

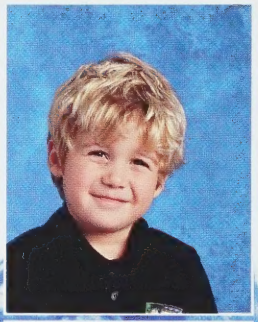

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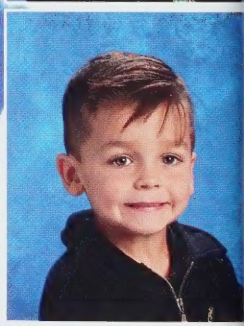

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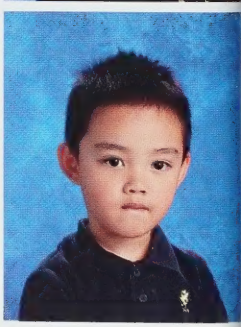

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Aiden Fan
Catherine Han
Jacob Hertel
Sebastian Jacobsen

Grady McCall
Charlie Ronkai
Lauren Sluggett
Grace Thomson

Kingston Travelbea
Wilder Malcolm
Brayden Wright

JR KINDERGARTEN

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Aleesha Bird

Christopher Butler
Lillian Chen
Piper Coughlin
Alexa Hartshorne

Gabriel Hassman
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Janna Sullivan

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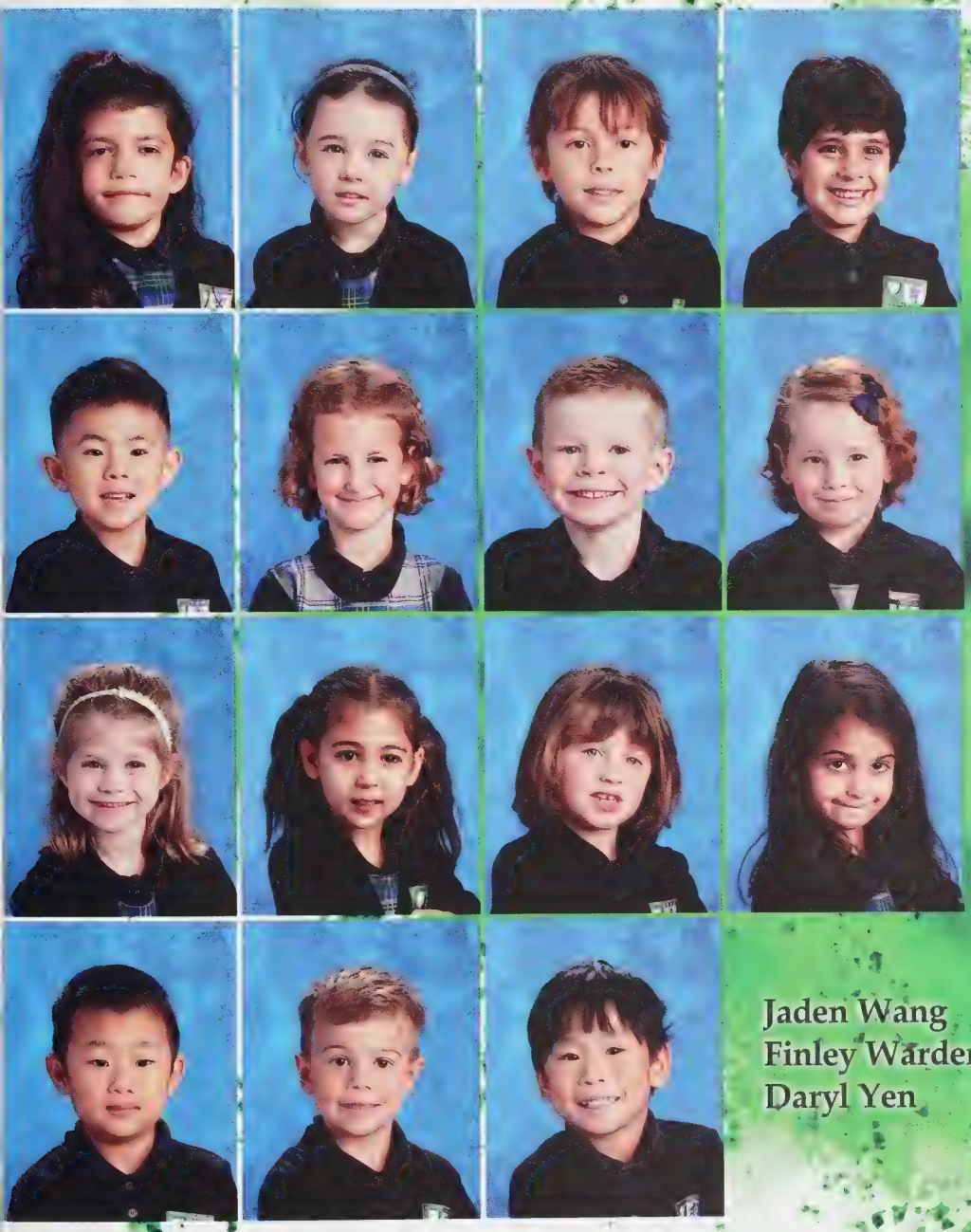

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Isaiah Larson
Ophira Mills

Kate Nielson
Evelyn Pereira
Charlie Pullen
Inaya Thomas-Velji

Jaden Wang
Finley Warder
Daryl Yen

KINDERGARTEN

To:
Best Mom
From:

GRADE 1F

Meghan Filgate

Julie Bateman
Lucas Bi
Conner Colibaba
Ruby Crowe

Alice Demetrioff
Christopher Dong
Nanxi Dong
Zemirah Gill

Jack Madunic
Brinley Merino
Sapphire Pan
Cora Simpson

Faye Traylen
Cole Wall
Xinyi Zhou
Xinyue Zhou

GRADE 1G

Jill Graham

Jake Blenntoft
Maximus Carkener
Eloise Clark-Shigley
Kristin Daniel-Park

Juliette Hayes
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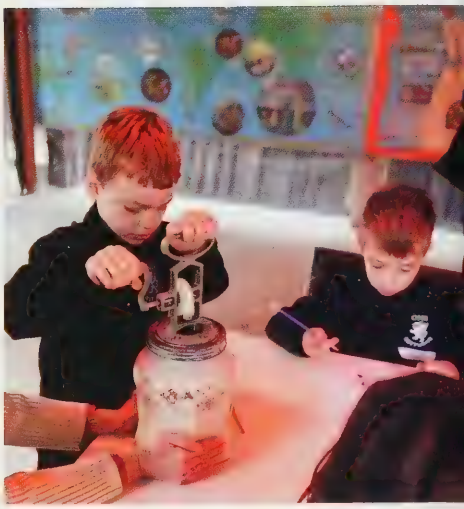

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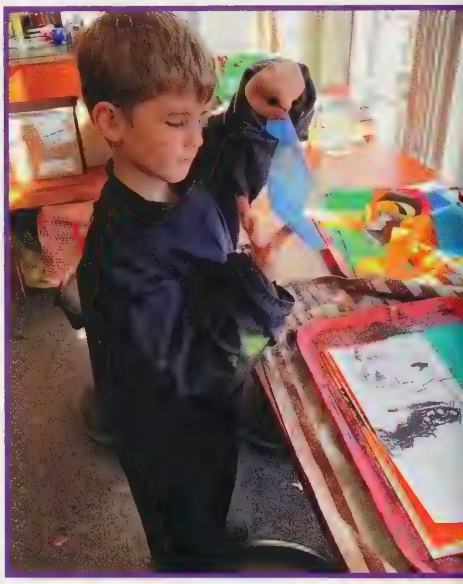

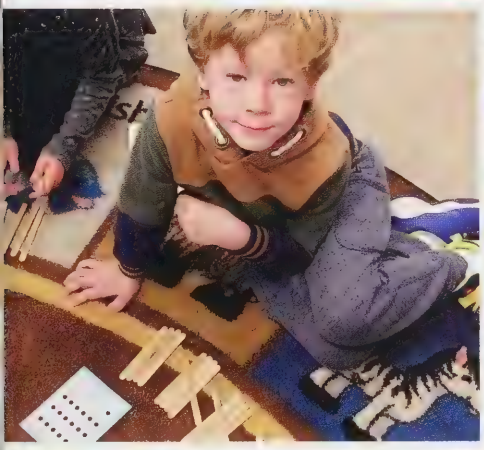

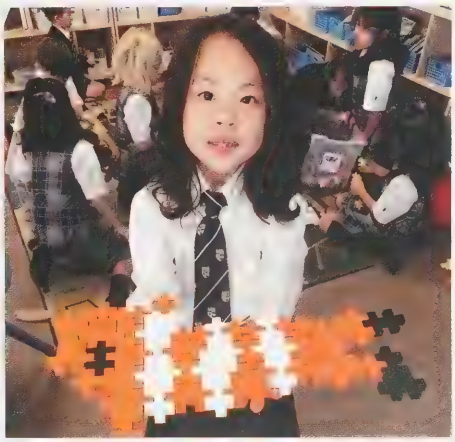
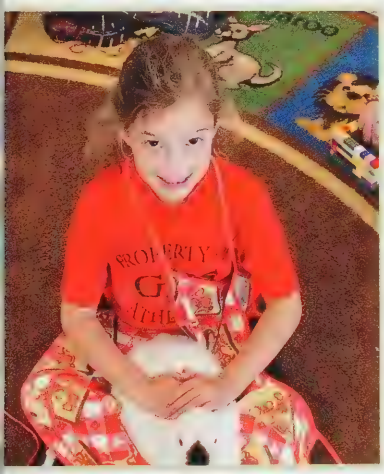

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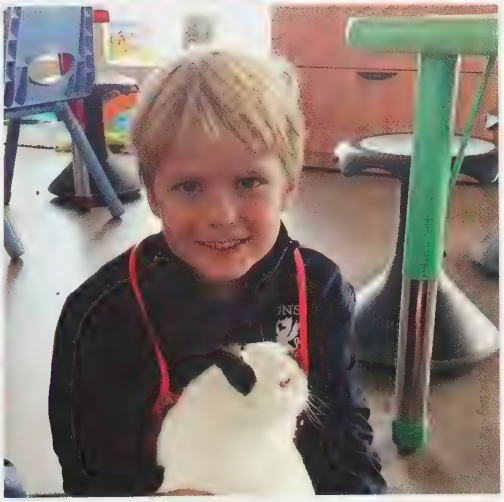

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Shaan Arneja
Laird Bjornson
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Gia Davey

Nathan Gao
Blue Heal
Miranda Hodgson
Ismail Khurram

Emma Kim
Daniel Lavrenyuk
Ryder Martel
Jecca Menzies

Sophie Nielson
Miko Propp
Elora Putland
Tejas Saibish

Shayar Singal
Elliot Warder
Brooklyn Wright

GRADE 2N

Judy Newman

Elliott Barnes
Jada Baterina
Neo Chan
Dillon De Meo

Elle Harrison
James Larson
Sailys Li
Rose Moss

Anika Pathak
Grace Payette
Isaiah Pereira
Tyler Saklas

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Oliver Story
Leo Tiampo
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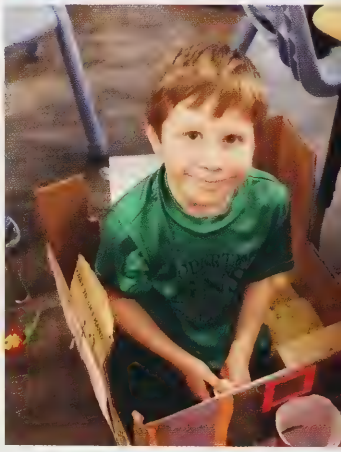

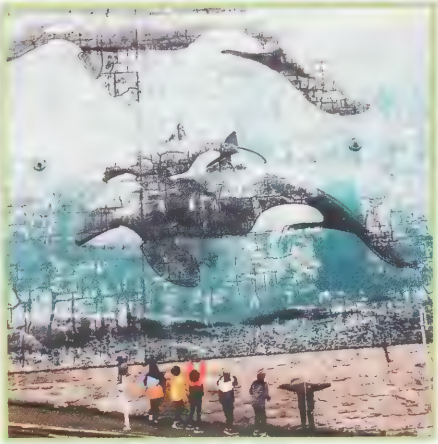

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GRADE 3C

Heather Crossley

Sydney Bateman
Sophie Carrow
Oliver Crowe
Henry Dhrolia

Carlson Ertz
Jaxon Ewert
Xavier Huculak-Payne
Roanan Humber

Elsa Jull
Callan McCall
Kate McLaren
Rivka Mills

Ainsley Pagett
Elliotte Proctor
James Shaw
Lucy Sutton

Liam Wilkinson
Noah Zhang

GRADE 3P

Cheryl Palm

Isabella Barrie
Braylen Brooks
Lennon Coughlin
Eryn Gage

Matthew Heslip-Giovando
Fynn Humber
Jojo Laing
Leo Lawson

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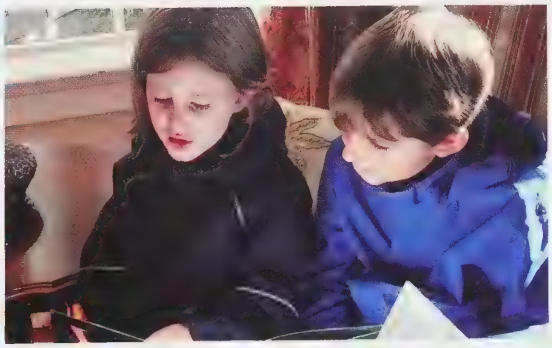

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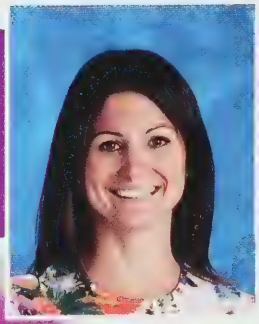

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Liam Scott
Adriana Simpson
Eliot Smith

Quinn Stamp-Vincent
Lucas Staniforth
Adele Stohmann
Kiki Webb

Anne Yu
Felix Yun

GRADE 4S

Marnie Seliwoniuk

Aeshan Bandechha
Maya Bellhouse
Leif Bergseth
Evan Burn

Isaac D'angelo
Riley Doerksen
Marcos Esparza
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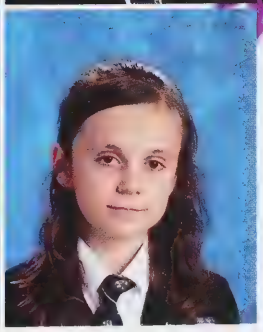

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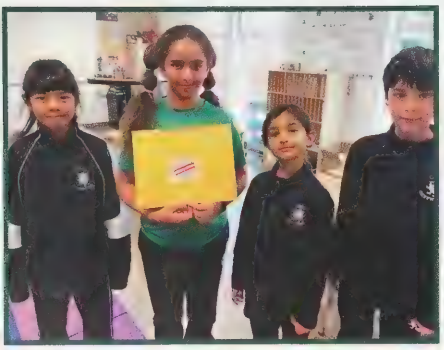

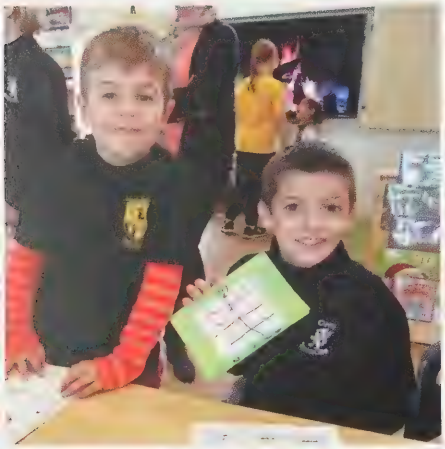

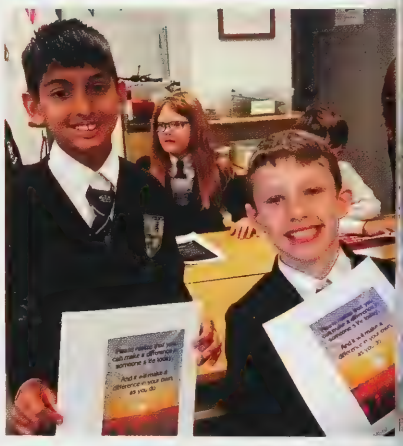

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GRADE 5S

Rhonda Stark

Spencer Barnes
Elise Beiderwieden
Ella Blenntoft
Leland Breese
Gracie Brooks

Benjamin Esposito
Aine Golonka
Lance Hodgson
Benjamin Horton
Terran Johal

Jacob Jull
Ettan Mall
Ella Milford
Nathan Papps
Alexander Saklas

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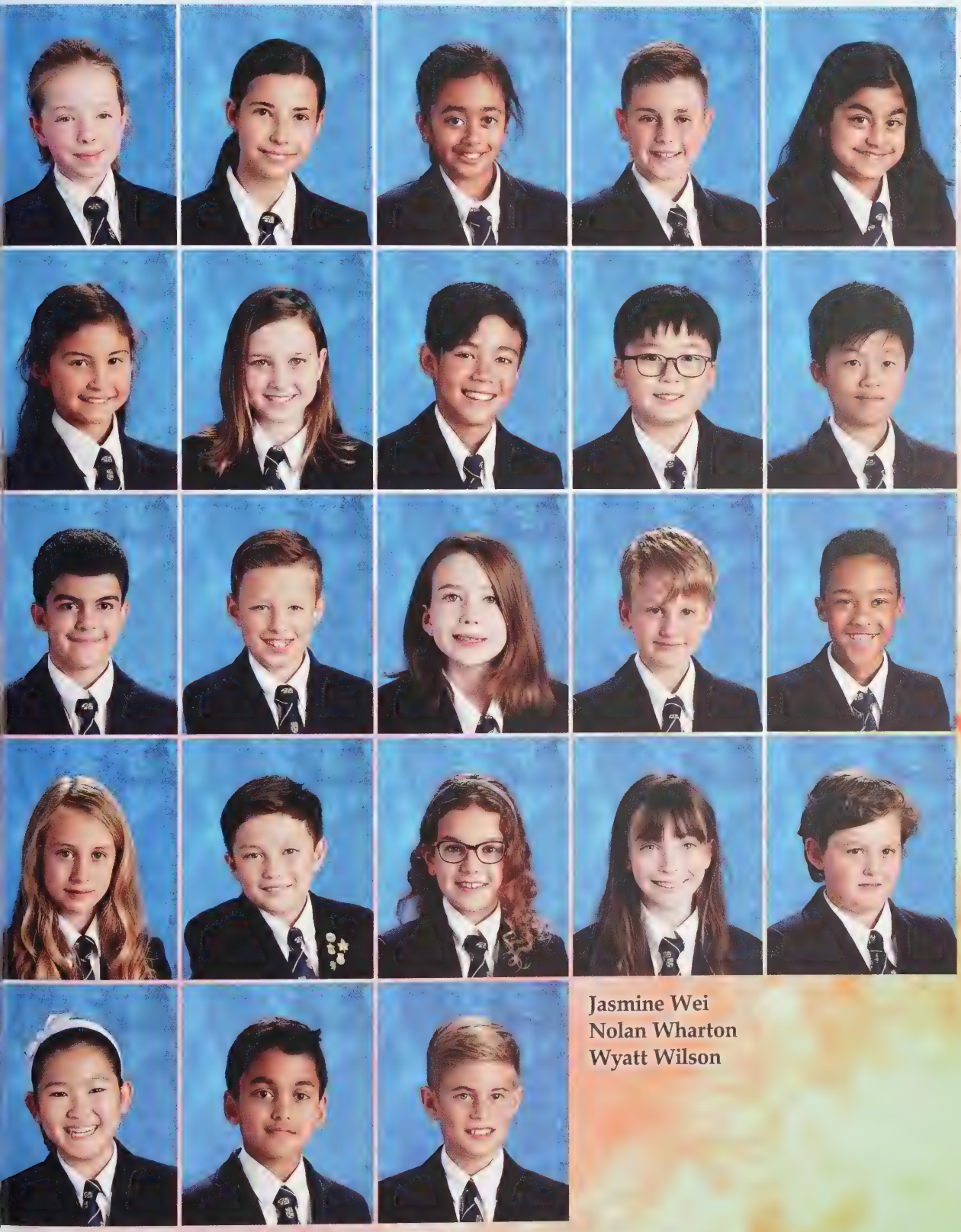
Rowan Ward

GRADE 5W

Sarah Wallace



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Jeremy Lam

Jackson Mann
Wyatt Martel
Selena McElroy
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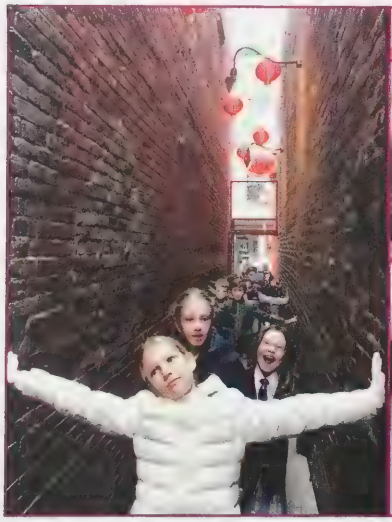

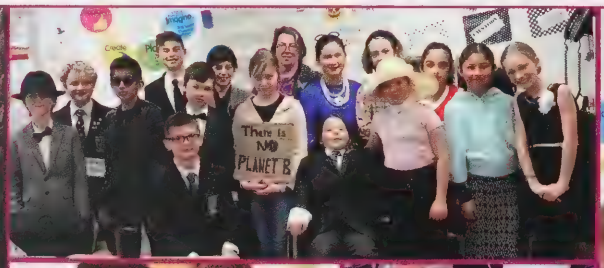

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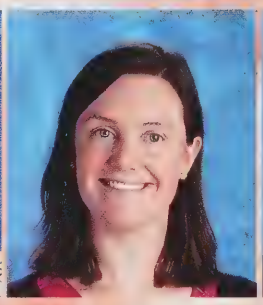
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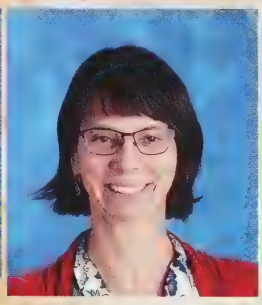
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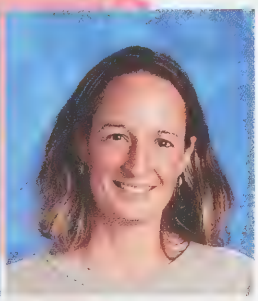
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Rebecca Steele

Janna Sullivan

Joanna Summers

Doug Tyrrell

Sarah Wallace

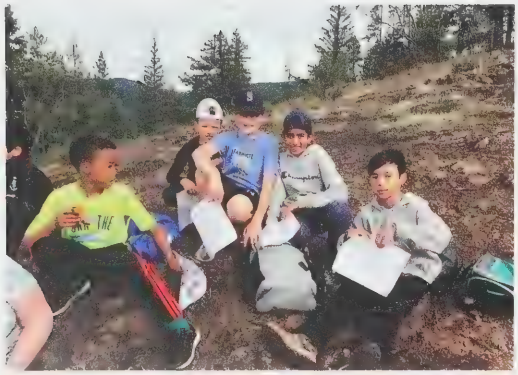
Vicki Wallace

Crystal Washington

FALL

Leaves Colour Pumpkins Fun Rainy Running Sunshine Remember Gobble Gobble Cold

Gumboots Costumes



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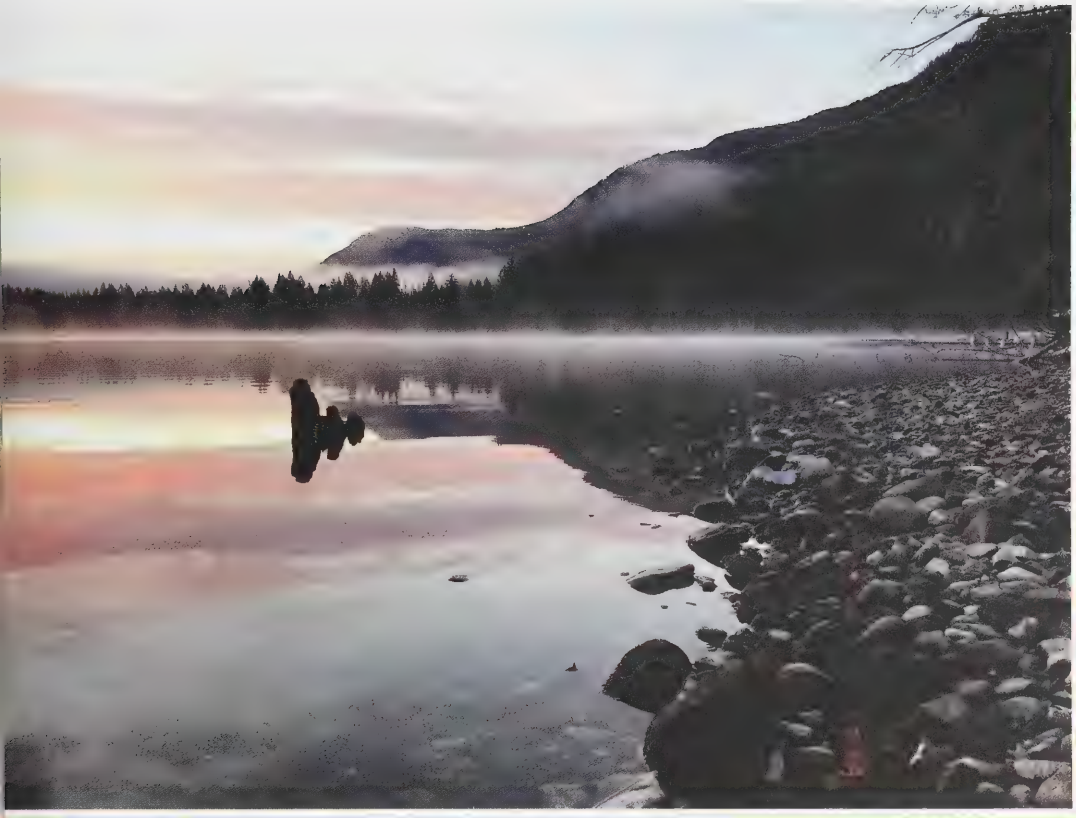

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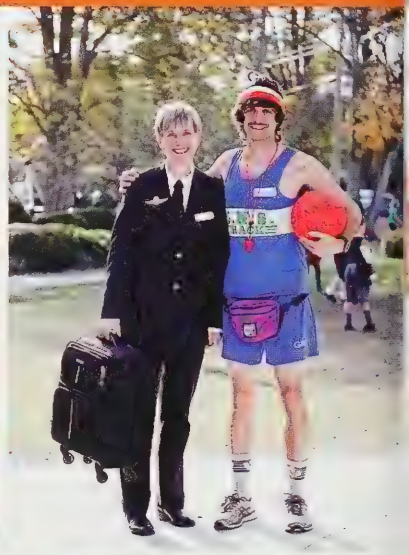

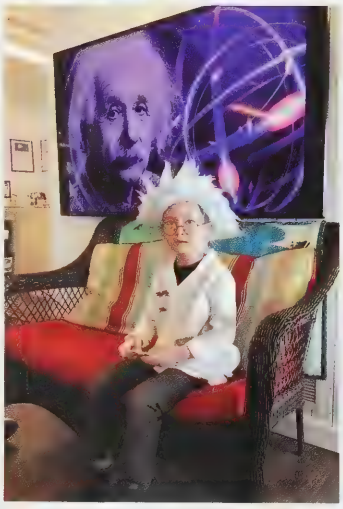

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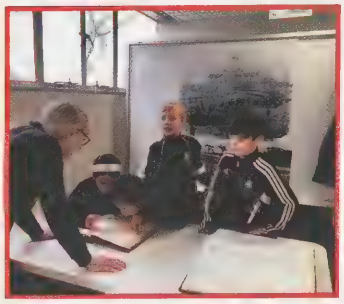

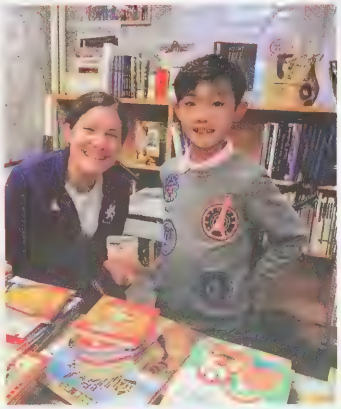

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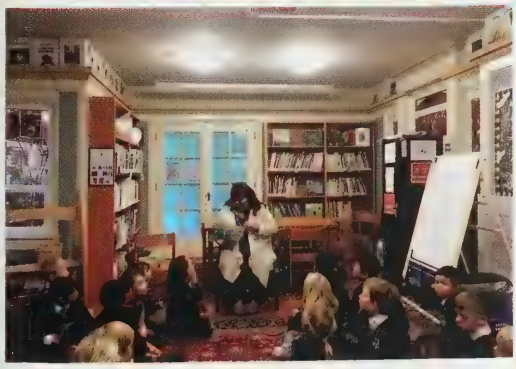
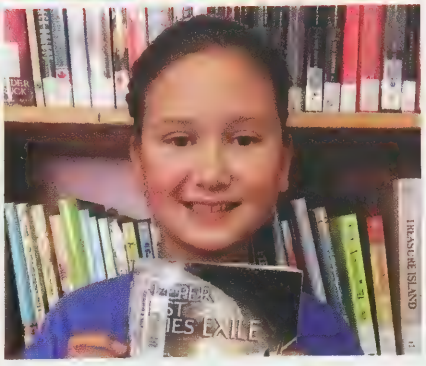
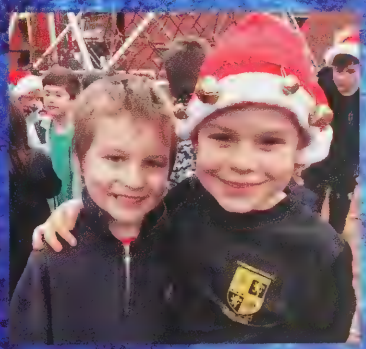




Festive Snowballs

WINTER

Ice Skating Presents New Year Tree Decorations Crisp Stormy Wonderland Joy



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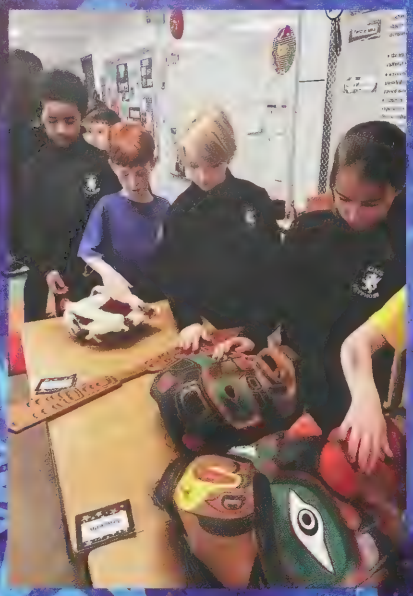
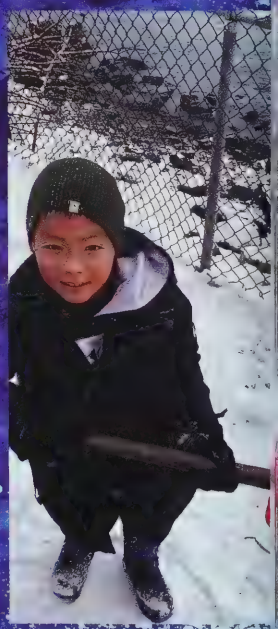
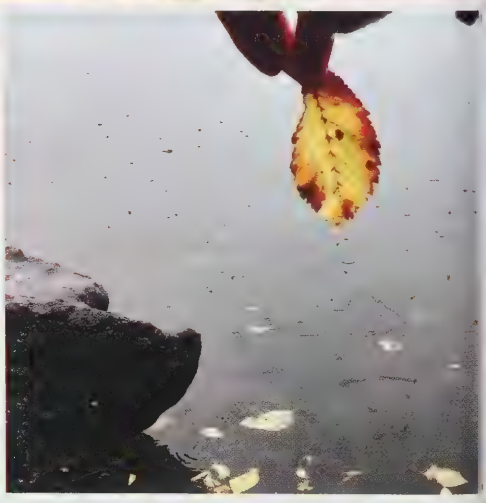
Giving Family Snowflakes Mittens Holly Grateful Star Snowman Icicles





Holiday

Photography Club



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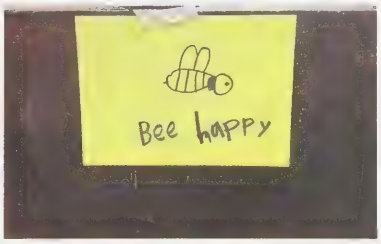

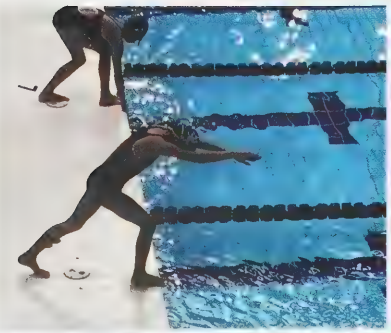

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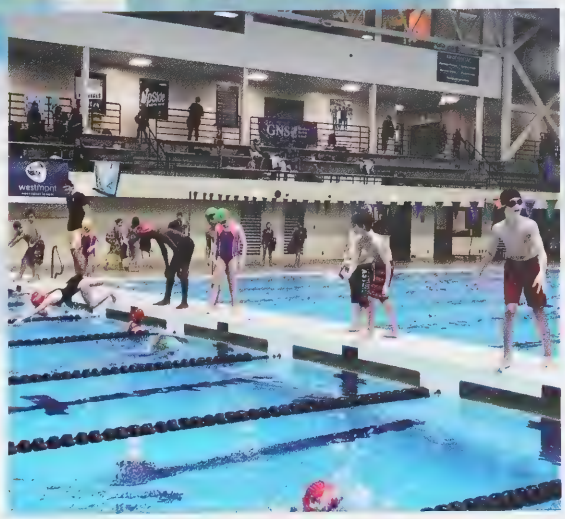

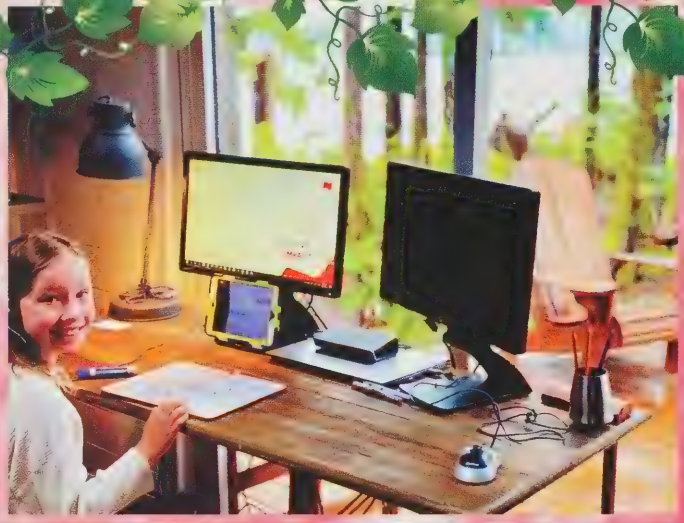

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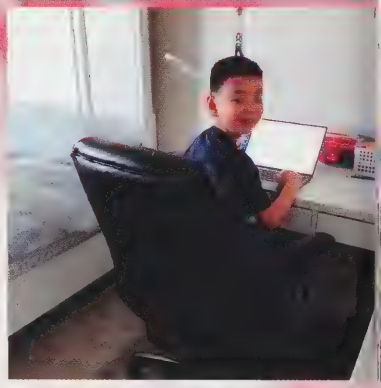

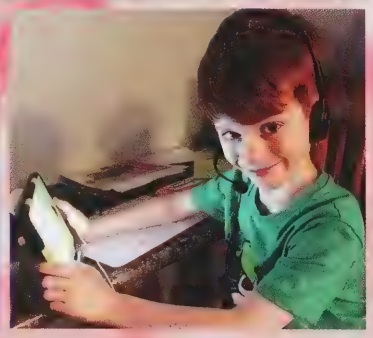

Sun Home Computers Covid 19 Wash Our Hands Family Social Distancing Remote

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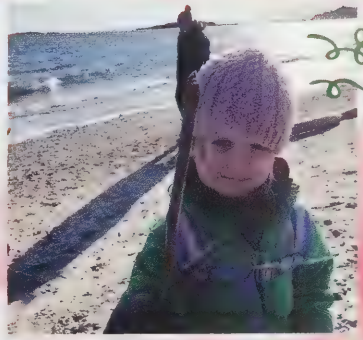

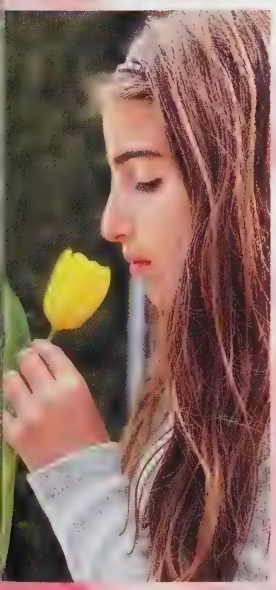

Butterflies Garden Fresh Air Hearts Flowers New Energy Playing with Friends

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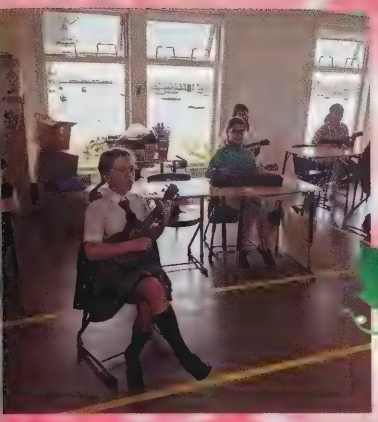

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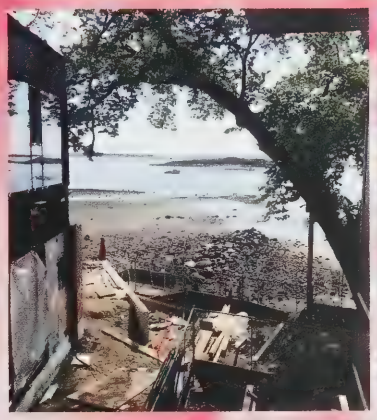

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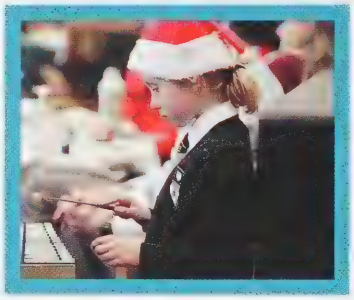

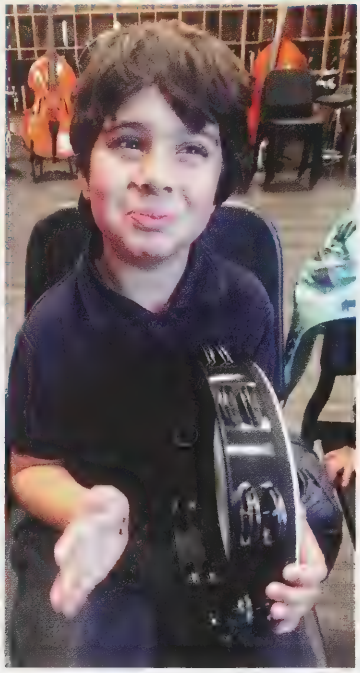

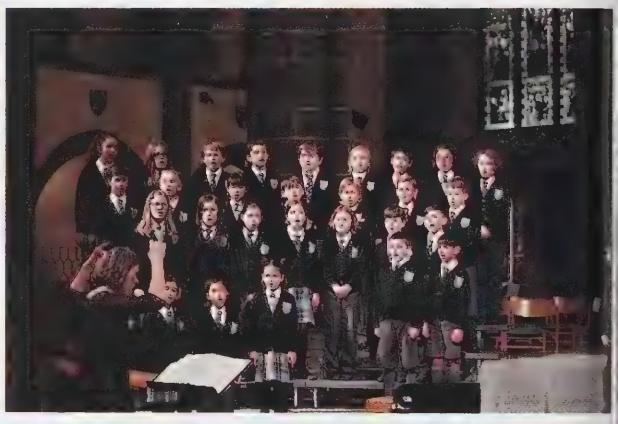

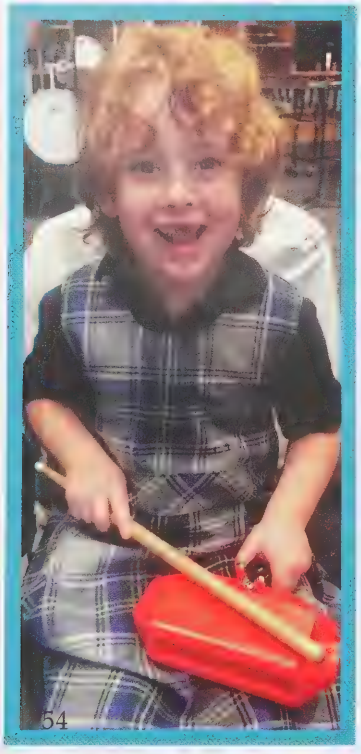

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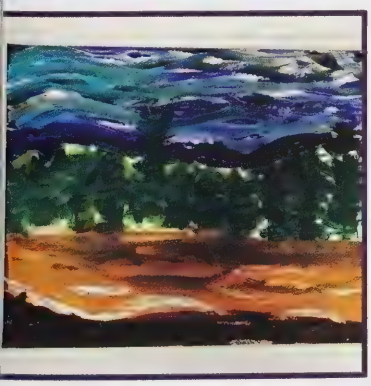

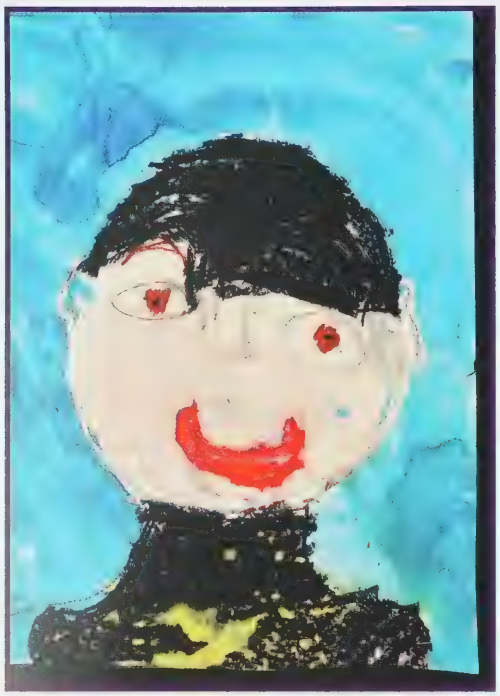

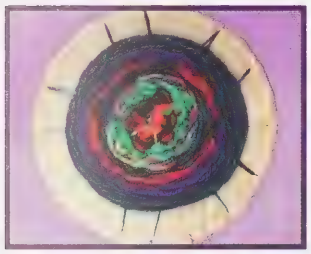

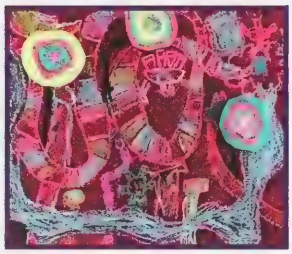

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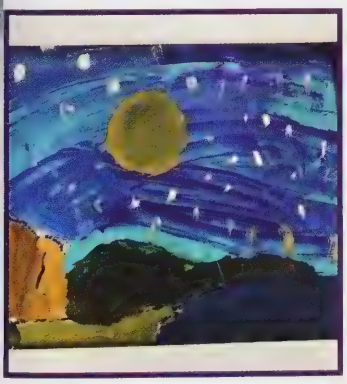
Super Hero

MADE AT
GNS
CARING
SODA
Ingredients
For 1 Bottle
Sugar 1 cup
Kindness 500cups
Loving 61cups
Nice 70cups
Sweetness 80cups
Water 2 cups
Food dye 3 cups
Flavour 4 cups



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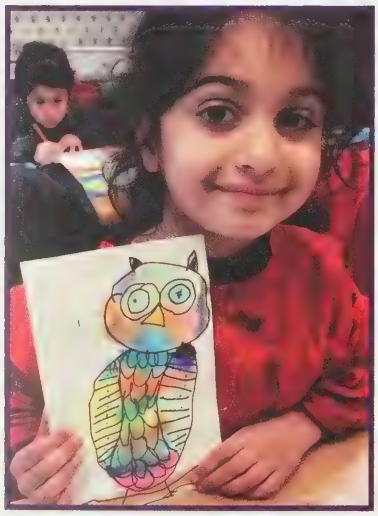
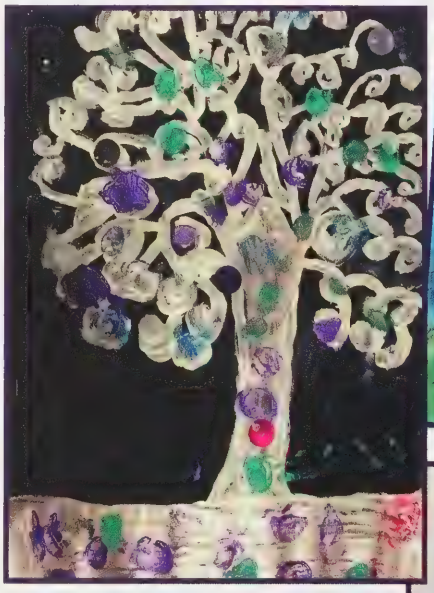
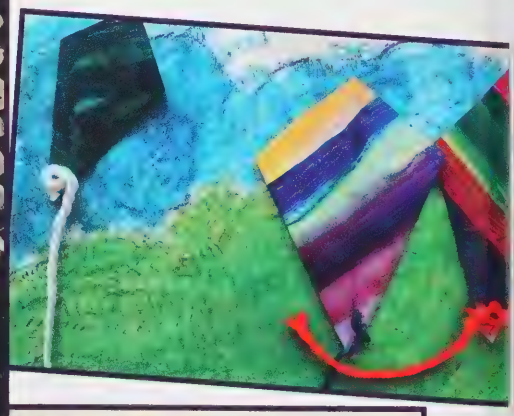
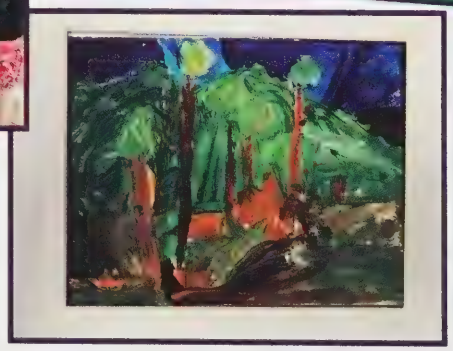








BASKETBALL-LIFE

The one who wants it the most, is the one who will get it.
Rich, poor, no difference on the court.
Fight, Flight, Freeze.
The ref is not always with you.
A shot is an attempt, it works, or it does not.
All want it, but only one can have it.
The ball is your responsibility, it is all focused on you, eyes, defence.
Hope for the best, prepare for the worst.
Life is not fair, and you deal with the cards.
Losing is not losing, if you learn from it.
You have to do it, no matter what.
Do it!

Clouds

The striking blue sky
A light filled canvas
Full fluffy clouds floating through
Follow your imagination to see where it takes you
Shifting shapes, mystic movement, emerging images
Whether it's an animal or an insect, a dog or a cat,
Your brain has something to do with that.

Grade 5 is...

beginnings and ends
making new friends
oldest in school
our time to rule
learning new things
spreading my wings
ups and downs
boys acting like clowns
recess spent talking
and giggling and walking
ukulele and recorder
notes all in order
hard to let go
now time to grow
challenges ahead
so much to dread
early mornings
assemblies boring
doing my reflection
not quite to perfection
worksheets completed
but feeling defeated
fixing my hair
trying not to care
rumours being spread
no one cares what I said
can't miss a day
got nothing to say
year's going too fast
I want it to last
saying goodbye
hard not to cry
memories were made
never to fade

Grade 5 is.
- Finnley Shultz

There once was a man from B.C
who always sat next to a tree
but he stopped one day
when a branch gave way
and gave him a very sore knee
-Sydney Stewart

I hate this quarantine,
This isolation of Covid-19, though I must get used to this new normal.
Still, my home is filled with jumping, yelling, insomnia, and tears.
This infectious disease is handing out monotony.
I'm definitely losing my sanity,
it's slippin' from my grasp.
Though my uncertainty fuels my RAGE!
and depression is all 'round. Uh-oh
here comes the psychosis!
-Leland Breese

There once was a boy from Nantucket,
Whose foot had been stuck in a bucket
He pulled on the pale,
Then started to wail,
When he found that he could not unstuck it.
- Sam Nyantahe

POETRY

Synonyms For SADNESS

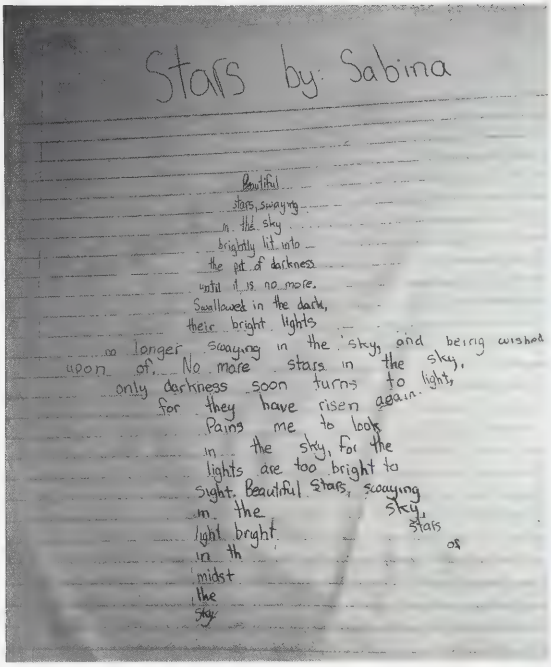
Sometimes you may feel overwhelmed.
That overwhelming-ness of sorrow.
Understand that everybody's had those moments.
We burrow ourselves into a corner.
Loathing for someone to say "I understand".
A simple smile smooth on someone's face.
We try to sprint a race with no end.
Feeling the sky cry because he *understands*.
That we've been sprinting for a goal we'll never score.
We believe we can construct on the North Pole.
We think we can fix the world.
Instead of not creating more, we try to fix as we ruin.
We wonder about a cure for depression while not realizing that that causes it.
Some believe the end is near without trying to fix it.
Sad that animals are going extinct.
Putting blame on anything but ourselves.
Feeling guilt thinking there's no reason.
Worrying only on treason.
As the seasons pass nothing happens.
A virus that kills .1% of those infected.
Is worried about more than the 300 species going extinct every day.
Thinking humans are superior.
Crushing ants, cutting trees, killing bees, stomping fleas.
Burning jungles when we stumble.
Wasting food, Midas's touch of plastic.
We might as well be burning elastic.
It's a drastic difference from our grandparents.
We never had to worry about our children's future until now.
We are undying but rules are meant to be defied.
We tried to stop a burn *after* we got it burnt.
all just synonyms for SADNESS
- Aslan Stark

The world of nests

Home to many birds
You can find them all over
Perfect home for birds
Fragile combined brown nests
Careful they are delicate

The hot summer Breeze is Hitting my face
The waves are crashing on the shore
The dogs are Parking in the breeze
And the dogs are Chasing the bees right in front of me
The trees are Swaying side-to-side
The bees are Buzzin and having fun
The birds are flying and Chirping
-Rowyn Tiampo

A
Volcano
It looks rusty
And red it looks like
another world
-Rowan Ward



Stars by: Sabina

Beautiful
stars, swaying
in the sky
brightly lit into
the pit of darkness
until it is no more.
Swallowed in the dark,
their bright lights
no longer swaying in the sky, and being wished
upon of. No more stars in the sky,
only darkness soon turns to light,
for they have risen again.
Pains me to look
in the sky, for the
lights are too bright to
sight. Beautiful stars, swaying
in the sky,
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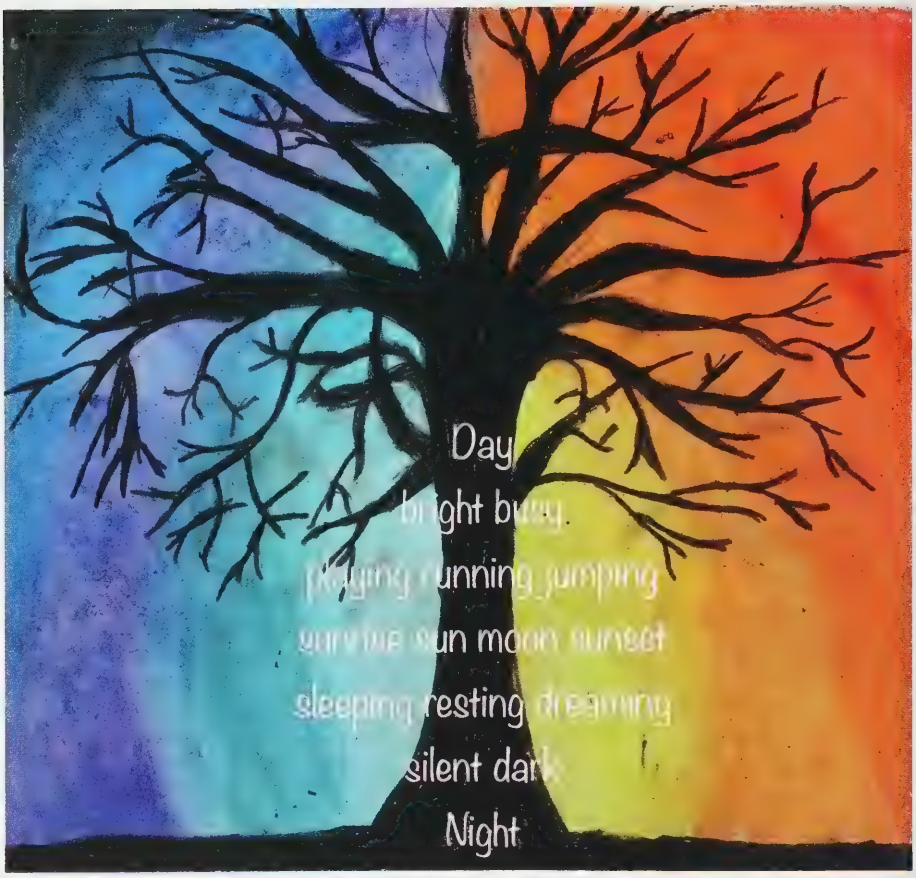

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Sparkling fresh dew,
glittered on green glowing grass.
Shining like the stars,
That suddenly shoots,
Beyond my tight grasp.

Summer

Best season of all,
Summer wishes, Winter dreams.
Brand new beginnings,
Endless, luxurious days.
Autumn secretly slips in.

Gryphons Online (GO! Slam poetry)
The Virus has stolen our year
If school and lives are money then Corona's the cashier.
Behind the screens is our only retreat
This whole had thing started out discreet;
But now we're on the verge of defeat.
Wait, what's this?
The light at the end of a tunnel,
Despite the sadness of this all,
Gryphons Online is here,
So we will not fail
Some eyes may be starting to bawl,
GO! May seem like a stall,
But we'll all be okay,
As long as we have time to shoo this virus away.
- Nathan Colquhoun

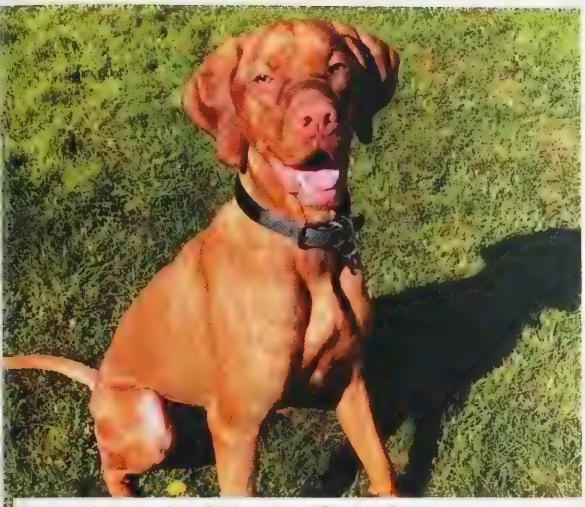
School is fun
All wrapped up in a bun
School is where I meet my first friend
We were friends till the end
School is were there are rules
And teachers are cool
School is an adventure
I learn something new everyday
School is were I play
And we all shout hooray

ice cold as it is, the lively splashing around can be very enjoyable.
The freezing blue tide is numbing, but active and exhilarating which is exceptionally wonderful!
In the summery air the ocean will be refreshing and warmer.
Under the sea your head may feel chilly!
But you can't always float in the deep briny water, from time to time.
You would have to be tough to go swimming in the frosty ocean at winter time!
-Aine Golonka

Dawn
Whispers of dawn echo
Artist's light touch
Paintbrushes peel the canvas with icy blue
White hugs the sky
Wisps of sunlight dance in the air
The watery yellow sun melts into the horizon
The sky blurs with charcoal
Night awakens
Tiny dots pool, glittering with a soft light
As far as the air stretches
Struggling eyelids close over
Midnight cannot be reached
- Anna Roach

Hornby's beach

When I went to Hornby's beach
The dry sand was as white as bleach
The high waves made me excited
The shimmering deep blue sea delighted
As I went swimming
I saw people skimming
A couple of pebbles
As if they were rebels
As I righted my floating device
I gave myself some good advice
Don't forget to have lots of fun
In the sweltering hot sun



I know what my dog thinks about Covid 19
For him it's like a kids Halloween
We all have to stay home
Bruno feels like he's in Rome
There is nowhere to go
All I do on my free time is play with my dog or watch a show
My dog feels like a pig in mud
He really is my best bud
I love when he pants HEHEHEHE
Because Covid 19 is like his Halloween

PIC•COLLAGE

A covid story

Pow
It's here
And it is full of fear
It locks up the stores
And keeps some of us indoors
It closes the school
We can't go to the pool
It makes me mad
And really sad
But I just hope covid goes away

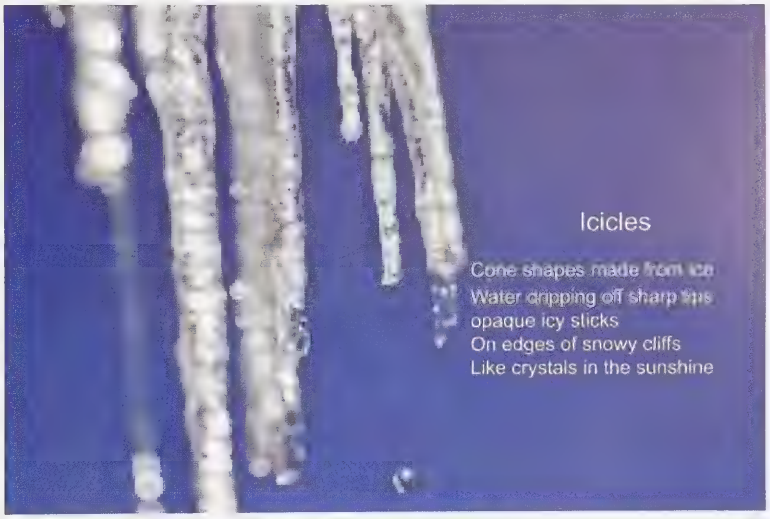
HOMEWORK

HOMEWORK IS THE DEFINITION OF EVIL
IT'S LIKE SMIGEL
AS SOON AS I'M DONE IT PILES UP AGAIN IT'S LIKE INFINITE HOMEWORK
I MEAN WHY DO WE EVEN NEED MANDARIN IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GOING TO
HONG KONG ANYTIME SOON
BUT ALAS I MUST RETURN TO MY ROOM OR ELSE MY MOM WILL HIT ME
WITH A BROOM SHE SHAN'T LIKE MY RANT BACK TO WORK I GO

Ostriches Perspective
(On a human)

"Tiny Little toddler's!" Ostriches think.
"I would like to shove them in bottles! And let them sink.
They stink like a skunk,
and throw away a whole lot of junk!
But they still don't care,
they are still so unfair.
It was peaceful when they weren't around,
so that I could still enjoy the beautiful ground.
But instead they came,
and it is such a pain!"

By Niamh Golonka.



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we cause, it is beautiful when
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but cutting
Down
trees,
Hunting
animals,
wiping out
habitats,
as destructive
as a wrecking ball, and all for what, stores or buildings
Choose to help nature, it is the original

By Coen

The Cat named Jake

By Jackson Mann

There once was a black cat named Jake

His brother Flobi made him quake

He once licked my shoe

He always knew who

Would feed him a piece of fresh hake

Granted by Sarah Wallace

So strange, the little things we miss,
Habits that with familiarity wear on us,
But distance brings a fondness to.
Late arrivals, missing homework
"Done" but forgotten by the packing fairy,
Tall tales told well,
Fingers carelessly stuffed in mouths,
Where teeth precariously wobble,
Flocks, driven out from classroom warmth
To Pacific winds, wrenching garments from owners

Grubby knees and shoes,
prodigious piles of soil in places they shouldn't be
Messages, teeny writing, faint on the page,
Uncharged ipads, spilt water bottles, pens, dry of ink
little offerings on the desk - Toads from Toads.
Even incessant chatter is much missed.
Instead silence pervades
Empty desks, belongings carelessly scattered, vacated thoughtlessly
yearning for inhabitants,
The only living things, the worms
Come home with me.

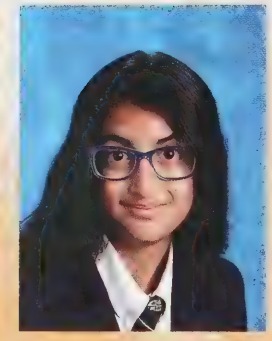
Remind me, when we return,
never to take you for granted
And whilst I wish for serenity for things I cannot change,
Grant me also, to be with you in that place again.

Mid

dle

School

Peter Ahn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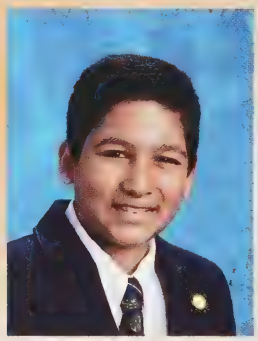
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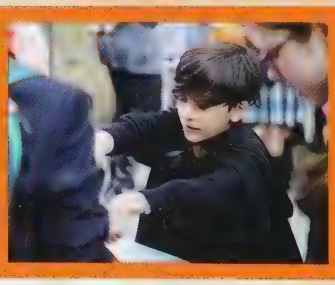

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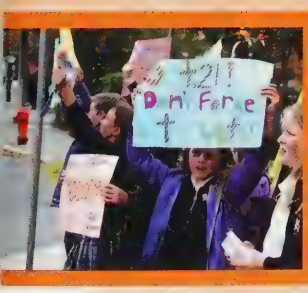

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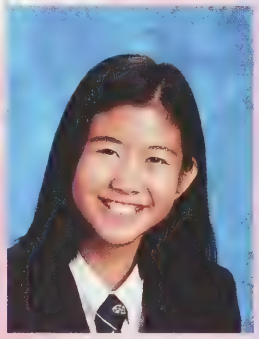
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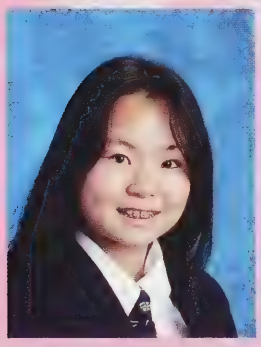
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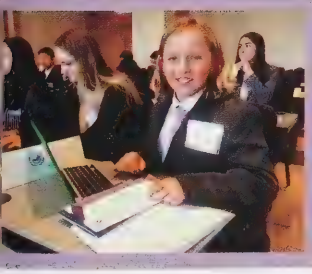

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Ryan MacPherson

Georgia McLeod

Onni Metso

Aliyah Smith

Emery Smith

Alexander St Eloi

Sophie Wu

Aaron Young

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Kendyll Adams

Tara Bogdanovich

Thomas Crossley

Quinn Doerksen

Graydon Eder

Radley Finer

Paige Hartfield

Owen Krigolson

Emily MacMillan

Lucy Mallory

Charlotte McIntyre

Peter Norris

Alex Palm

Katey Shaw-Lewis

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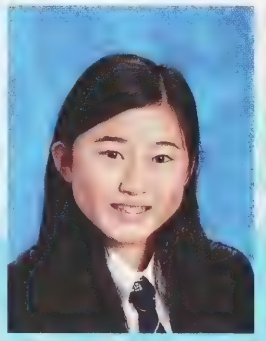
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Aleem Carino

Sophie Davies

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Marcus DeMeo

Olivia Doell

Ben Dunatov

Dante Gaffney

Sebastian Gilhooley

Adam Hoogewerf

Sam Johnston-Voon

Rohan Kapil

Markus Lee

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Declan McVea

Samuel Tang

Alicia Young

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Joshua Bartram

Amelie Bate

Henry Deshon

Kate Flye

Taagen Gaines-Benner

Oliver Hogya

Isla Hunt

Warren Jiang

Anjali Kasmer

Yunna Lawson

Kevin Lim

Kabir Mall

Theo Marill

Tristan Montano

Andlee Obrocea

Sophie Pathak

Paton Stobie

Harry Xu

8CW

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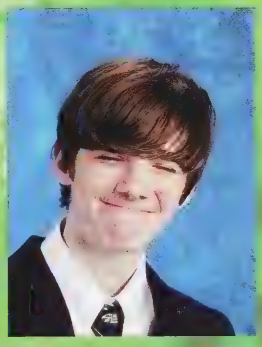
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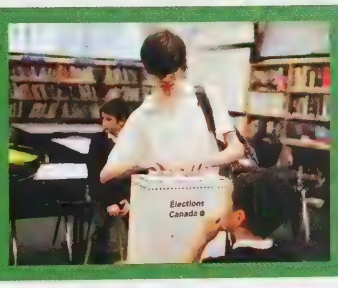

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Mitchell Little

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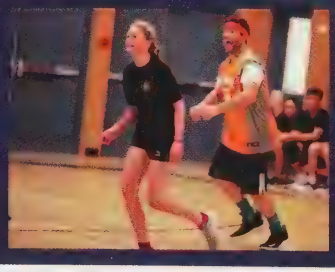

CANADA 2

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Monday
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RESPECT
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Senior

School

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Bjorn Allerdissen

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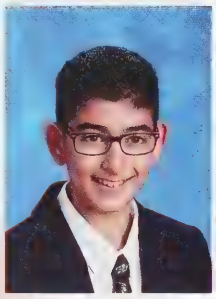
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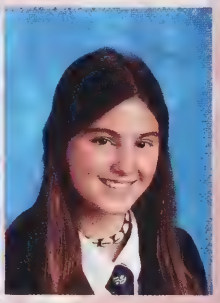
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Maddy Kelly

Rebecca Kim

Nikolas Krusekopf

Alistair Kunka

Chanel Lafrance

Kieran Laurie-Winston

Jessica Li

Cole Marriette

Joelle Marshman

Bryan Muller-Clemm

Rebecca Palm

Christopher Pollard

Satchel Ramraj

Anton Richards

Zachary Scott

Juliette Seroussi

Callum Shillington

Mila Somogyi

Tallulah Tam

Ian Taylor

Vita Thompson-Chang

Owen Twamley

Alexander Vroom

Finlay Walker-Cutt

Charlie Walton

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Abby Watterson

Molly Woodbridge

Spencer Wright

Shunkichi Yamamoto

Jason Ye

Solomon Yi-Kieran

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Ben Anthony

Jack Barry

Annika Becker

Miia Bekker

Isabelle Berry

Benny Blum

Rhys Butterfield

Ethan Chan

Ju Hyeog Choi

Matt Dang

Devan Duquette

Drew Erickson

David Escalante Nava

Emily Esser

Mackenzie Heaney

Katharina Hidalgo

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Missing Portraits

Emma Veitengruber

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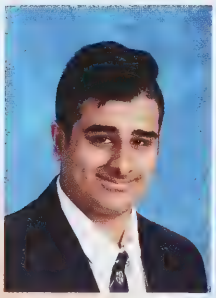
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Ian Ferguson

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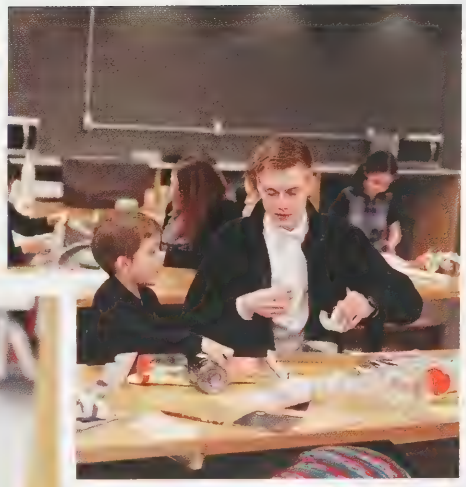

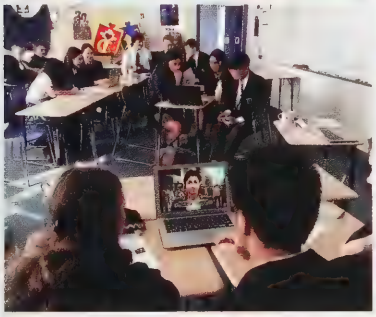

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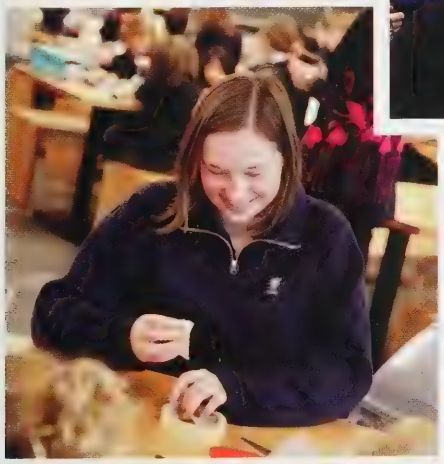

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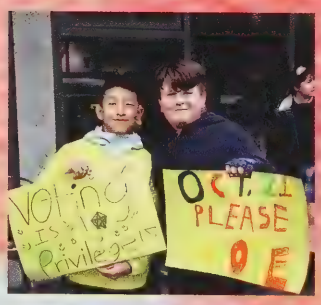
Our year at Pemberton



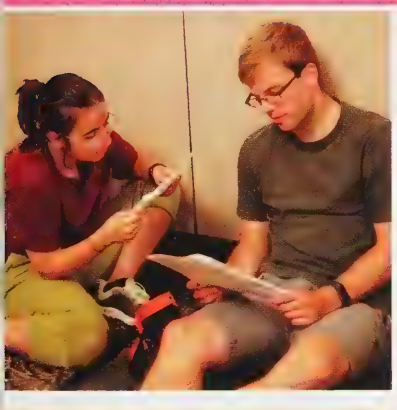
woods

To start off the school year, Senior School drama and Language and Literature students travelled to Vancouver for the annual Bard on the Beach trip.

This overnight adventure provided them with a chance to see live productions of Shakespeare's work as well as an early opportunity for students to bond and make new memories

Students spent time at the Vancouver Public Library and participated in a Stage Fight workshop.

They saw Bard on the Beach productions of *Shakespeare in Love* and *The Taming of the Shrew*.



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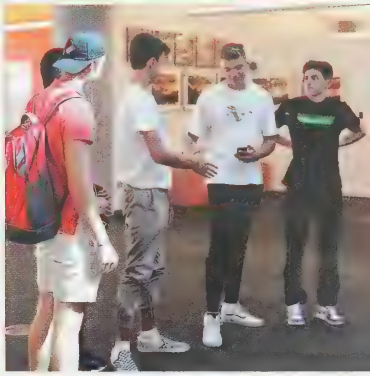

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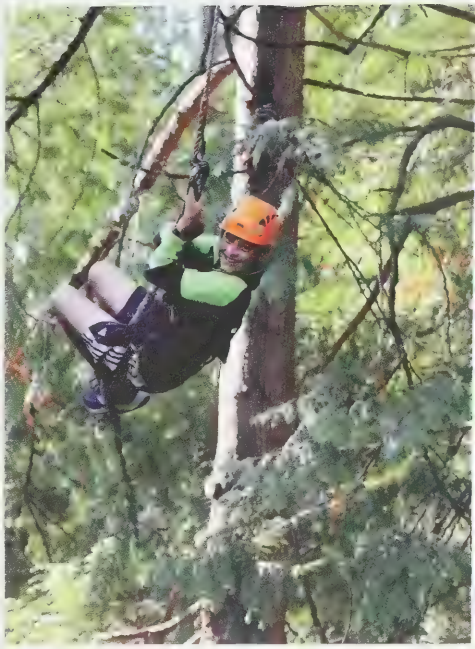

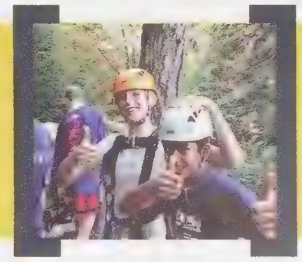

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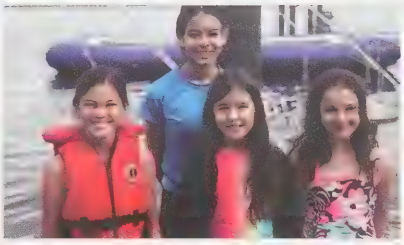
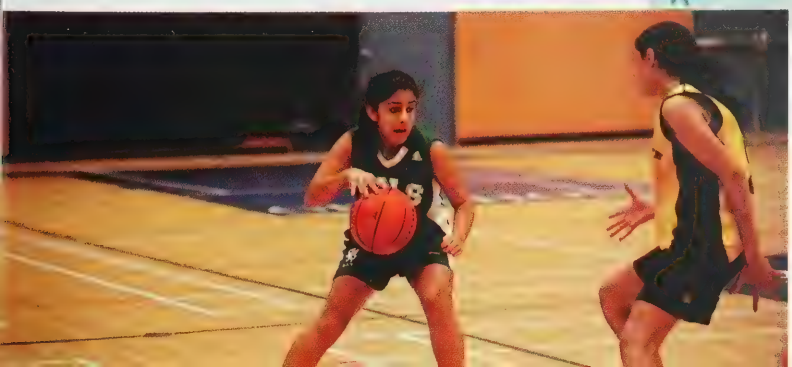


Senior boys
Soccer

Junior Girls Basketball



WONDER Carnival

ADMISSIONS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
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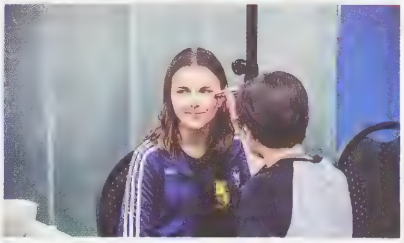
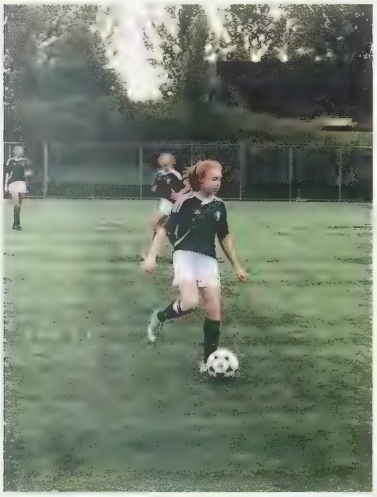


CAIS U15 Girls Soccer



CAIS U13 Boys Soccer

HALLOWEEN

FUN with MIDDLE SCHOOL

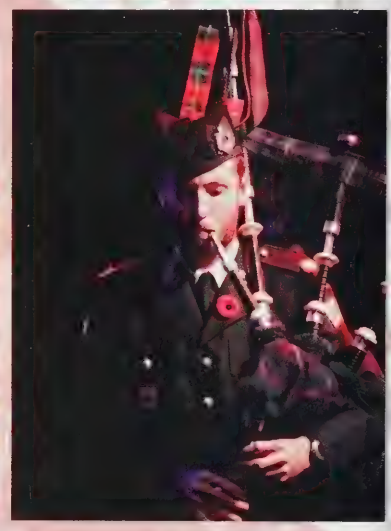
Rowing

Senior Girls Volleyball

Senior School's SPOOKY

HALLOWEEN

REMEMBRANCE DAY



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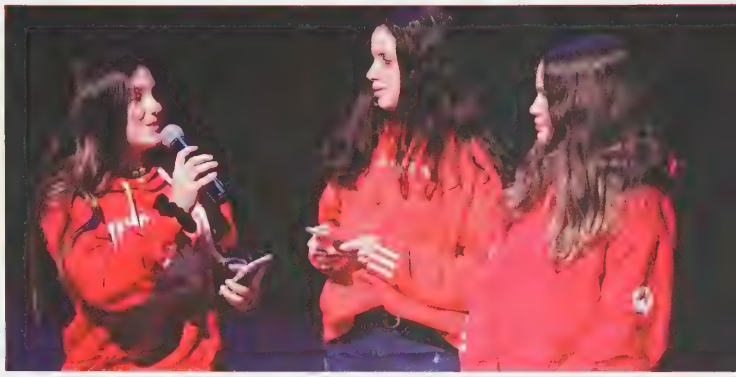
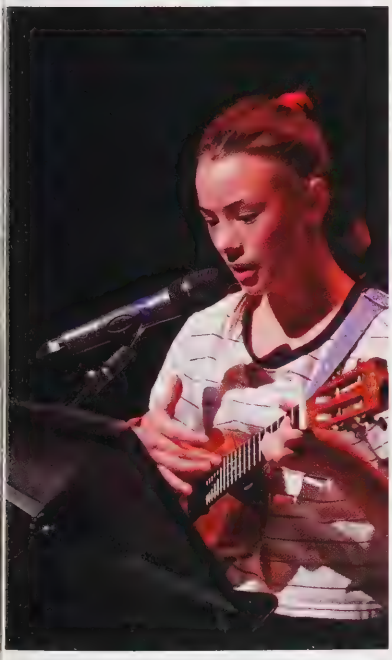
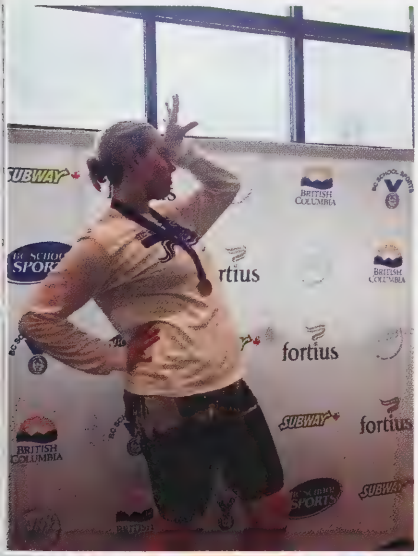




Middle School Swimming

Senior School Swimming



Blow Out the Dust

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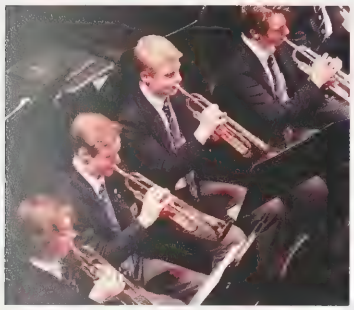

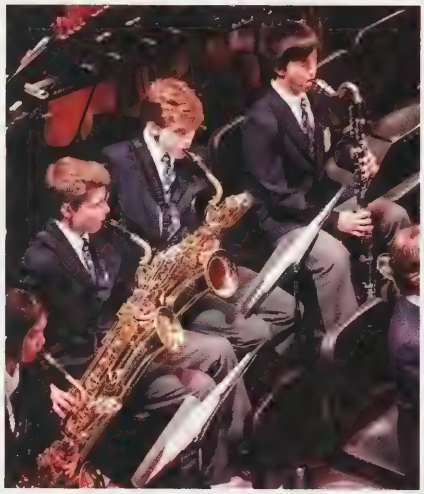

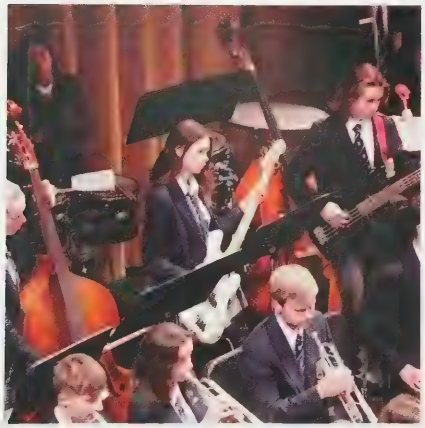

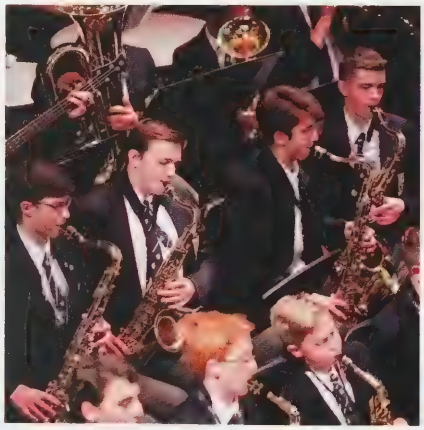

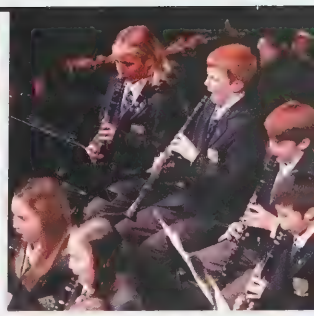

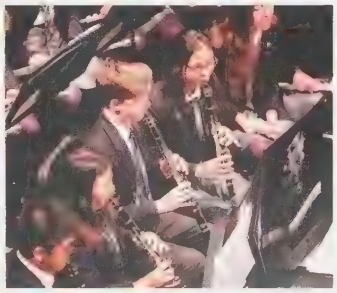

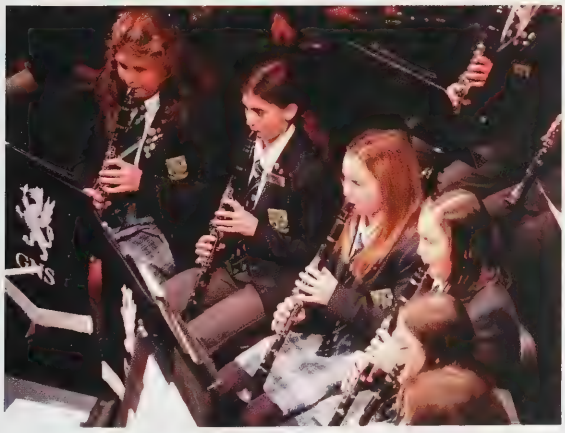

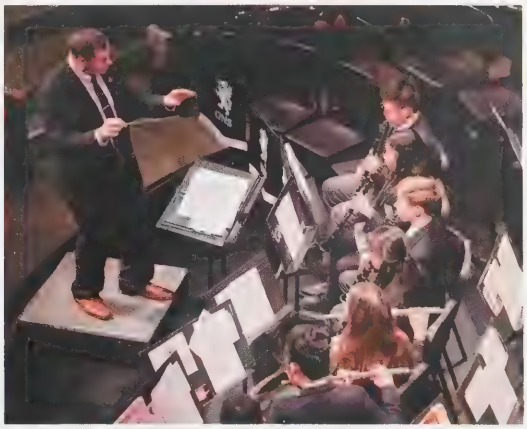

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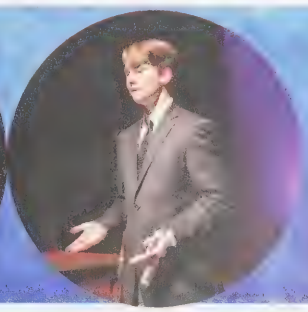
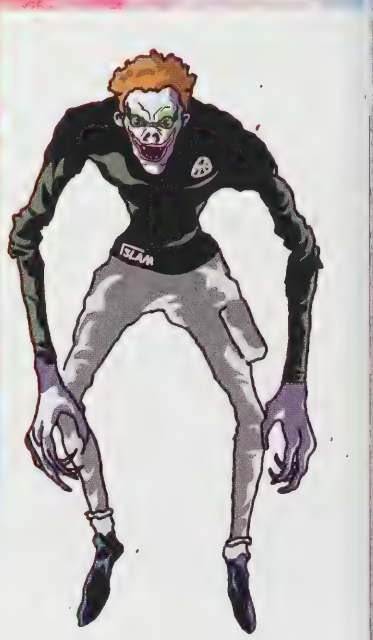


Mr. Marthaller's Grade 8 class took a trip to Craigdarroch Castle to get some exposure to olden time language.

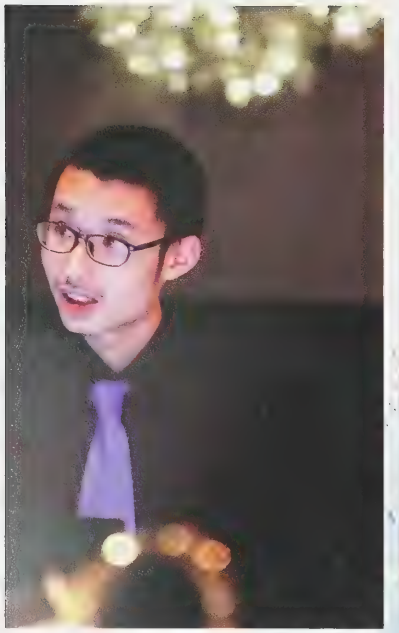
The castle was the perfect backdrop for a Shakespearean-themed guided tour of the castle, followed by a scene workshop with actors from the Greater Victoria Shakespeare Festival. The actors did a game with the students, breaking down a scene from a Shakespeare play to make it easier to understand.

CRAIGDARROCH CASTLE

ART CLUB



Middle School
Cross Country



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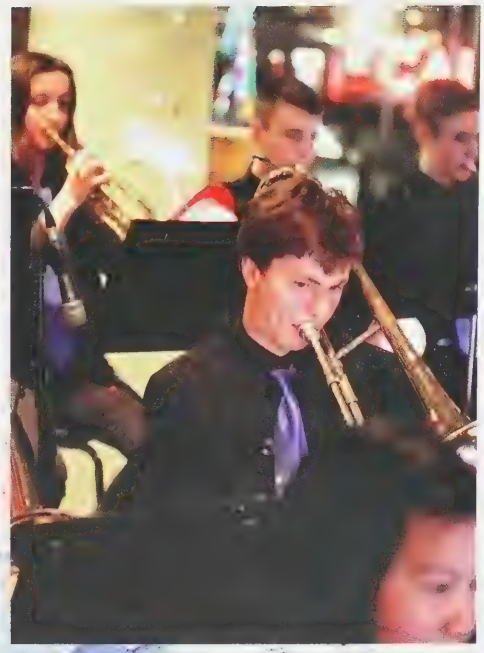
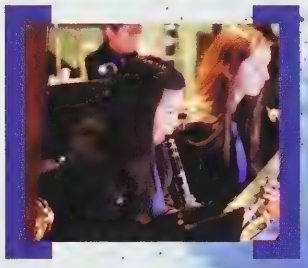
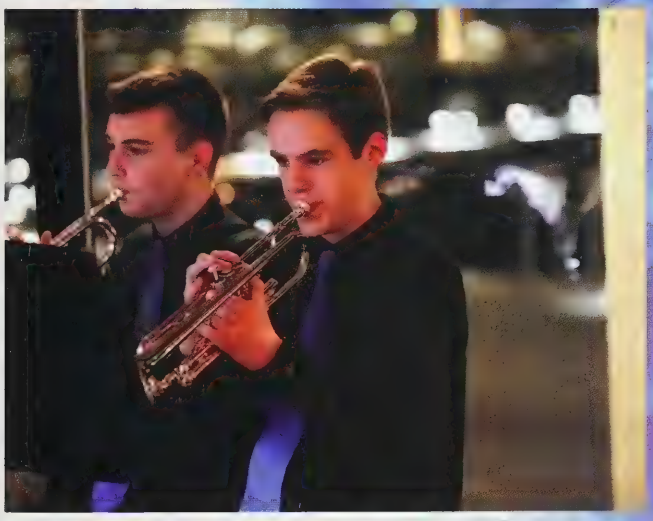
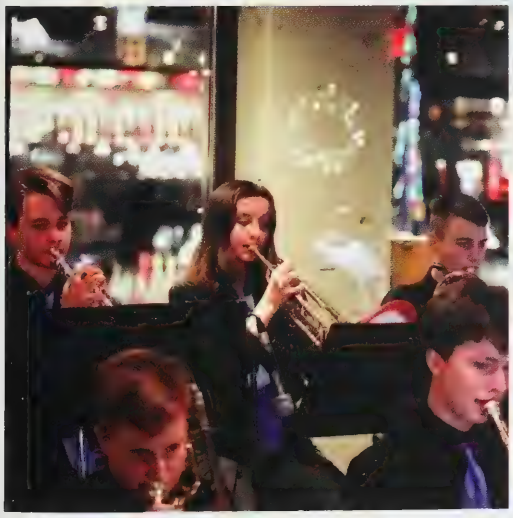
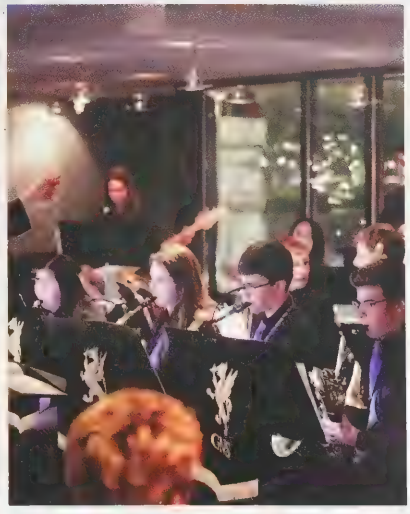





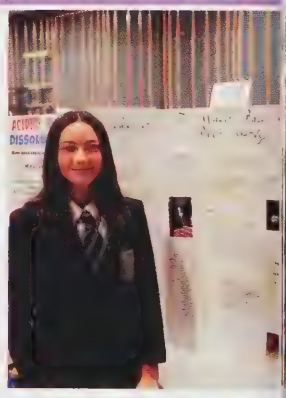


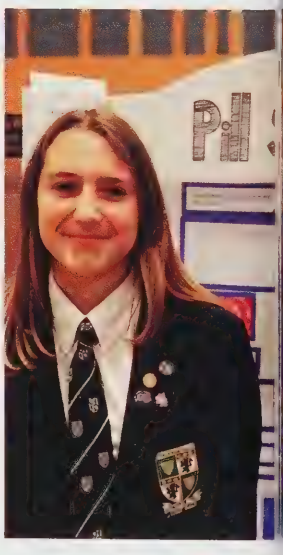


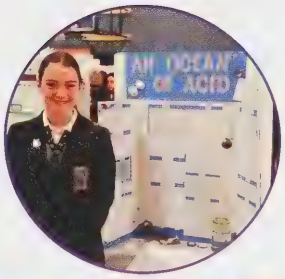
Grade 9 scientists took over Gudewill Gym on December 5 for the annual Science Fair.

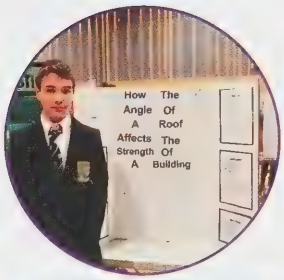
The projects the students came up with revolved around experimentation and innovation on a range of topics. The young scientists inquired, became knowledgeable and communicated their findings.

The projects the students displayed revolved around sugar and teeth, heat to electricity and more.



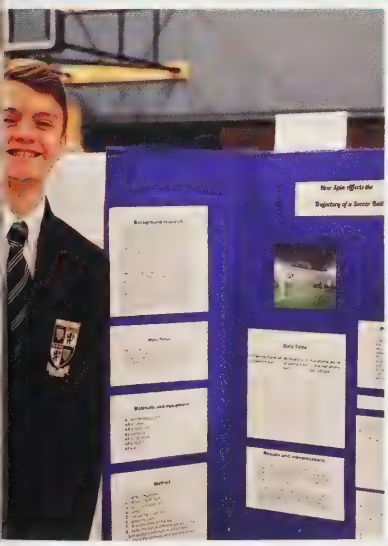


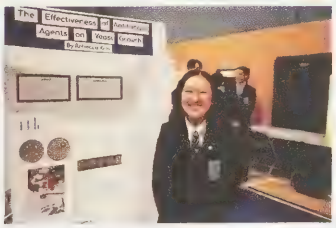


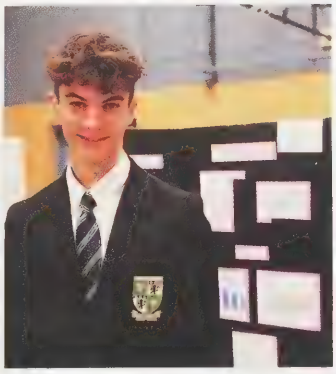


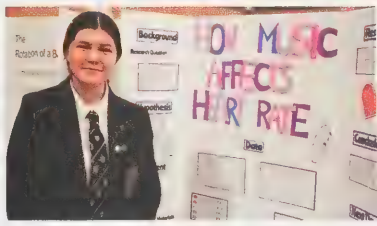
The volunteer judges included staff, professors, alumni, current students and more.

GRADE 9 SCIENCE FAIR









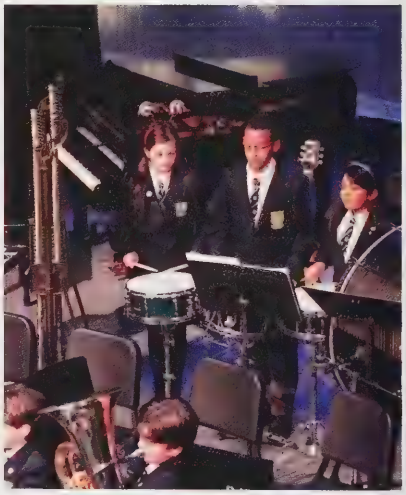
Middle School Boys
Basketball

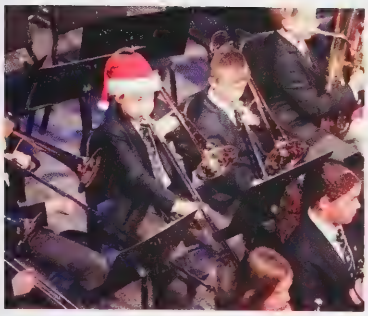
Senior Girls

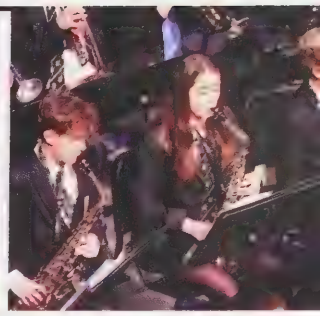
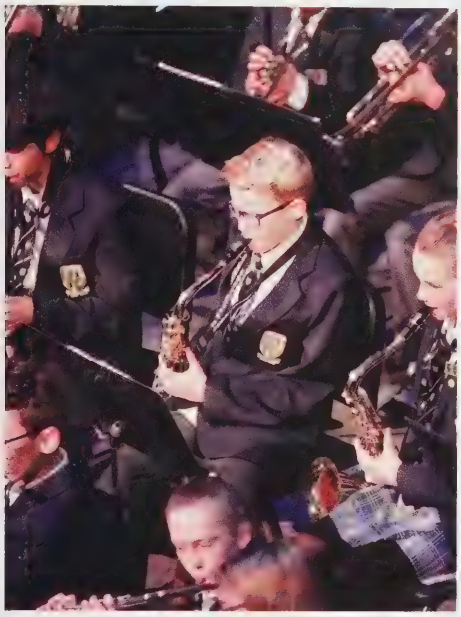
Field Hockey

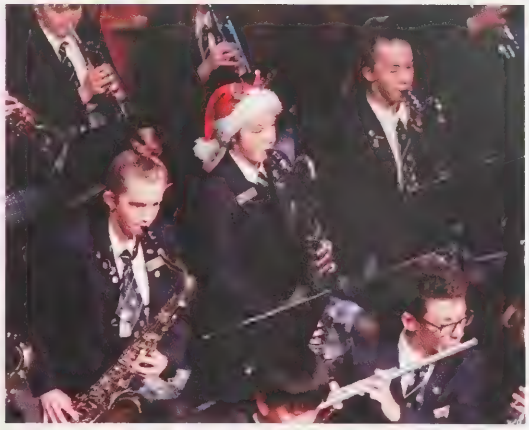
Winter Wonderland

BAND CONCERT







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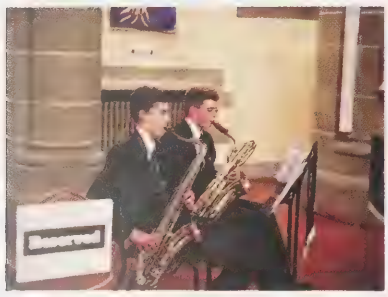

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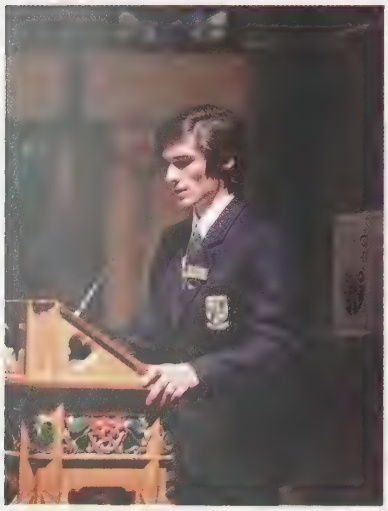

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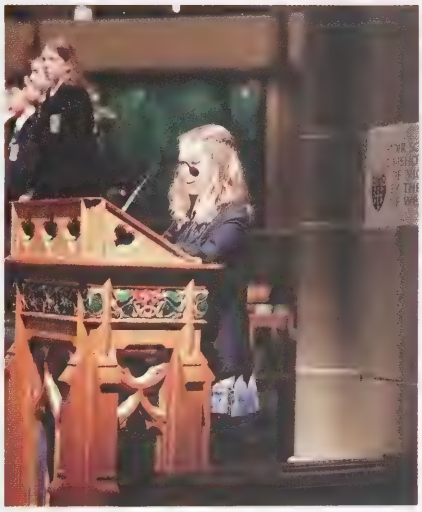
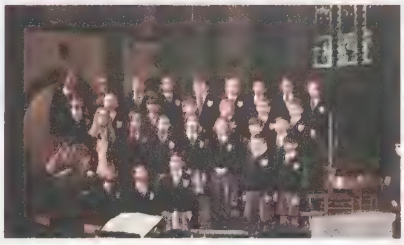
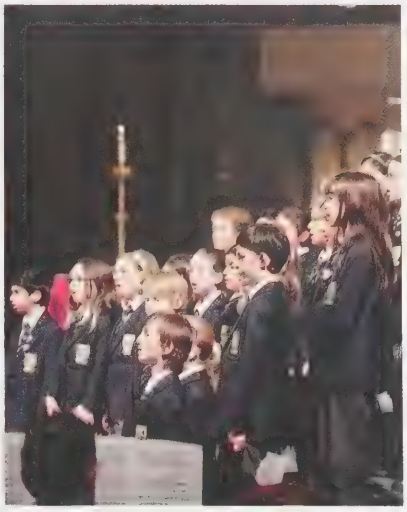




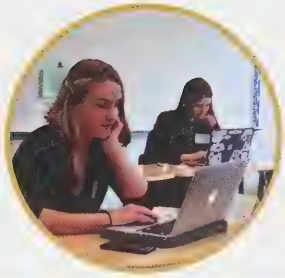


Middle School Girls
Volleyball

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

GNS Model United Nations 2019 Conference wrapped up two days of successful diplomacy and tackling various issues.

Delegates at GMUN had a chance to voice their opinion on global issues, such as the consequences of the fast fashion industry, combating terrorism and the humanitarian crisis in Haiti. Not only did they successfully tackle the issues, but they also produced fruitful debates and resolution papers



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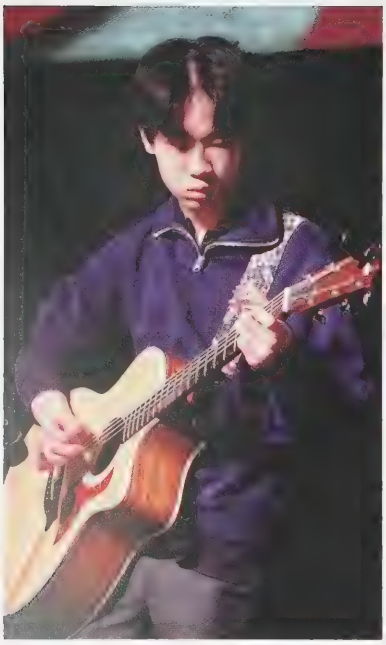

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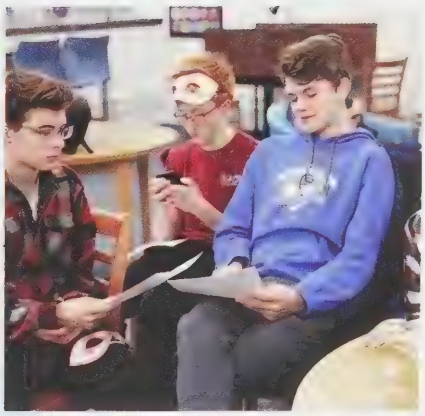
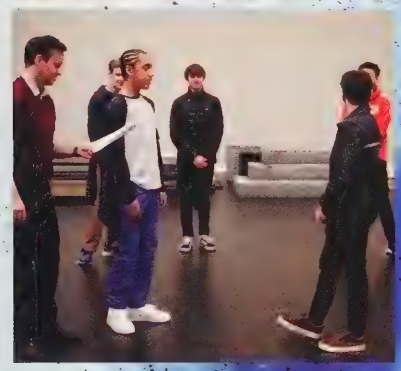
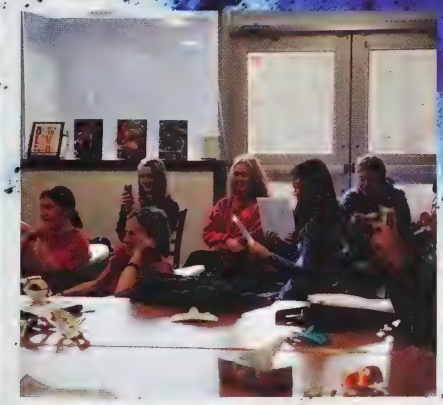
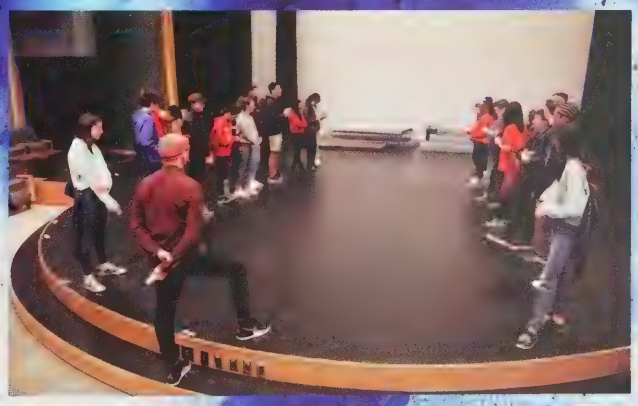
NEW YEAR

Grade 9

Shakespeare Day

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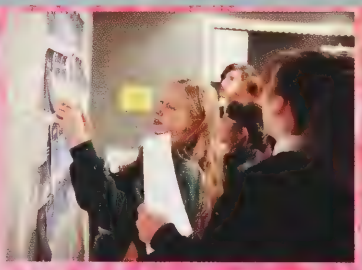
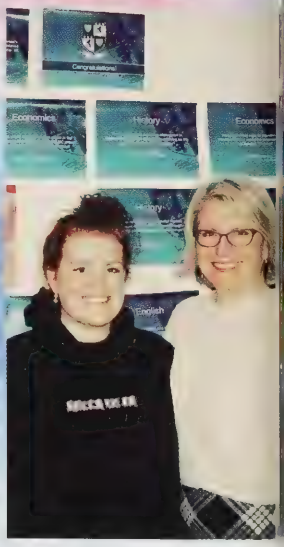
The essay is an independent research paper that students begin in May of Grade 11 and complete by mid-October of Grade 12.

This year, students wrote their essays in 11 different subjects: English, Economics, Geography,

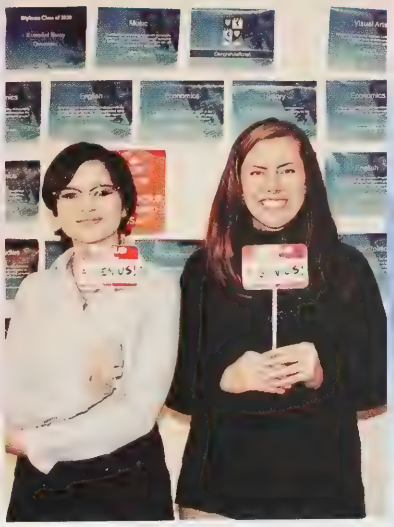




Global Politics, History, Biology, Chemistry, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, and World Studies.

IB EXTENDED ESSAY

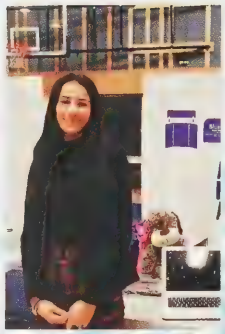
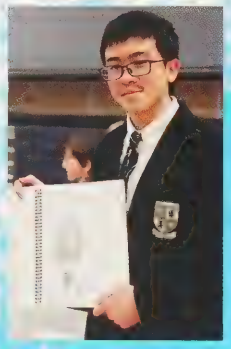
EXTRAVAGANZA

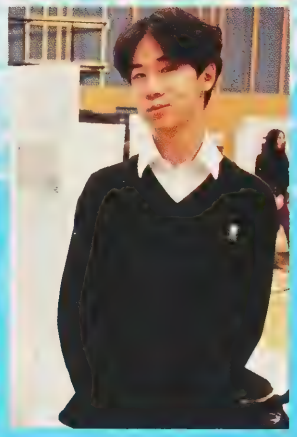
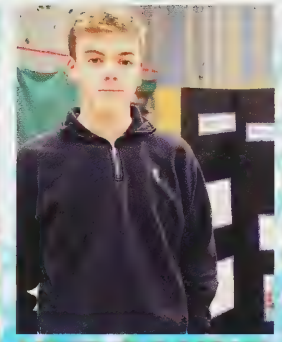


Junior Girls
Volleyball

Senior Boys

Basketball

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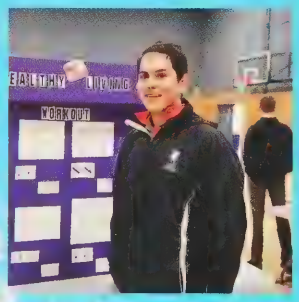

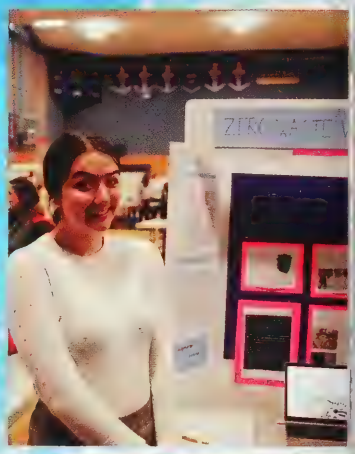

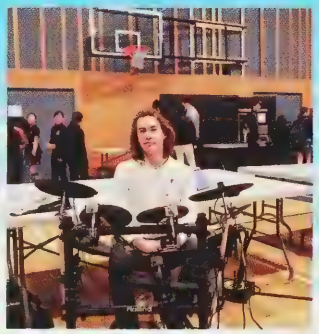

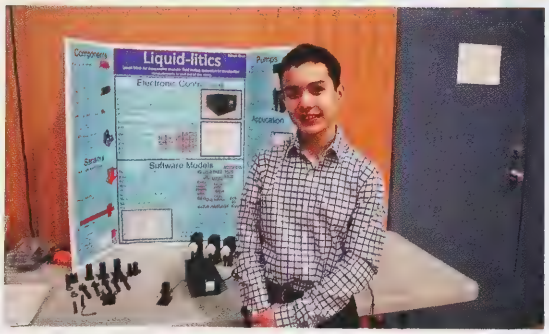

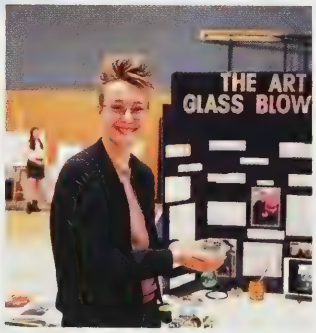

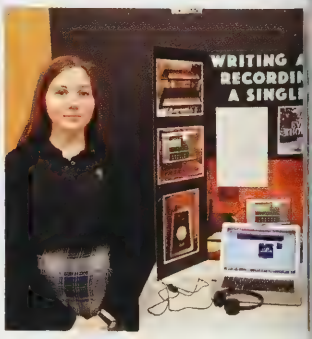

Baking Austrian Cakes

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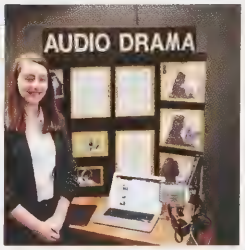
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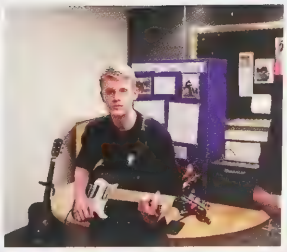

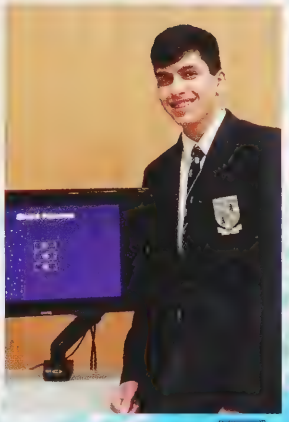

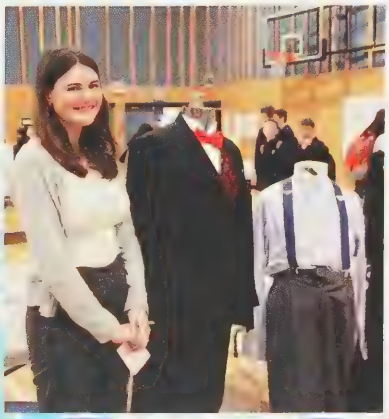

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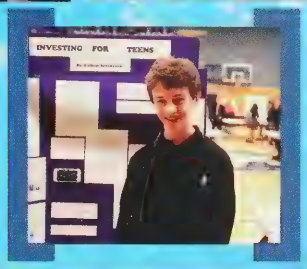
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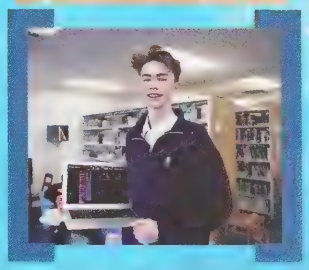

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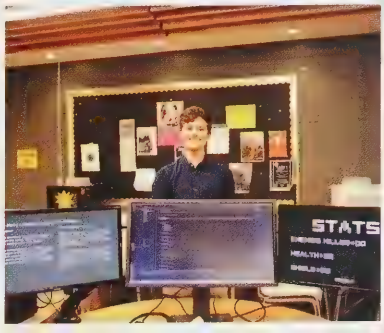
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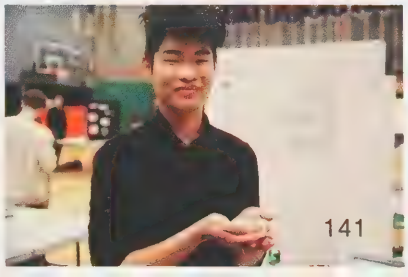
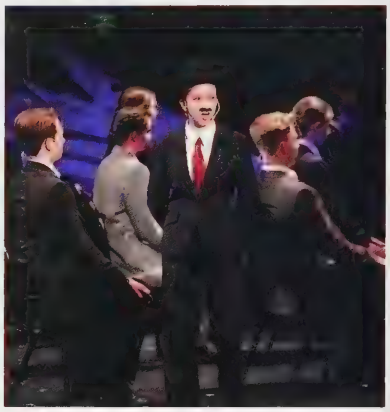


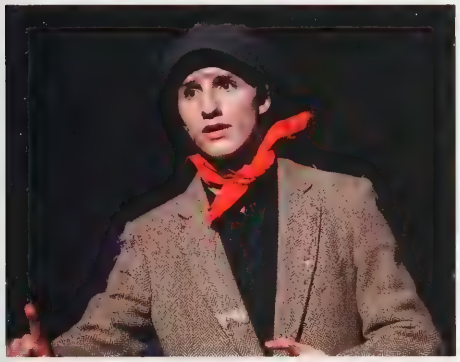
Middle School Girls
Basketball

Senior Girls

Basketball

MARY POPPINS





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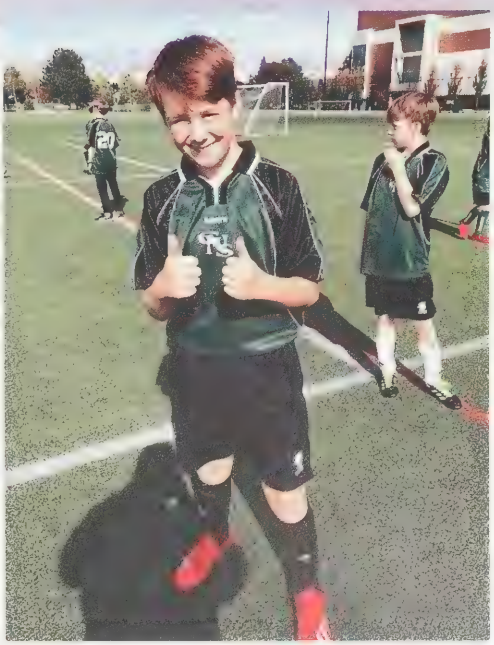
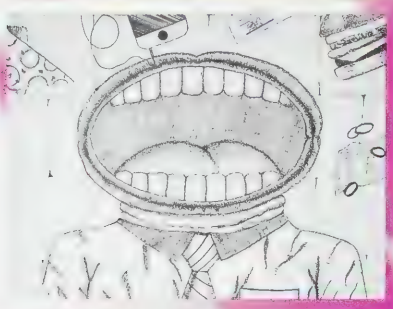
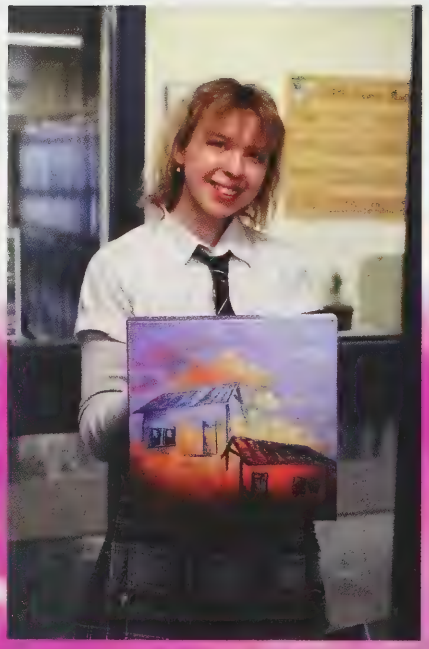
Middle School Soccer



Middle School Ultimate





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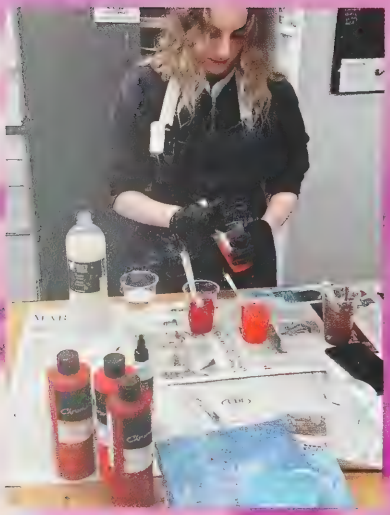

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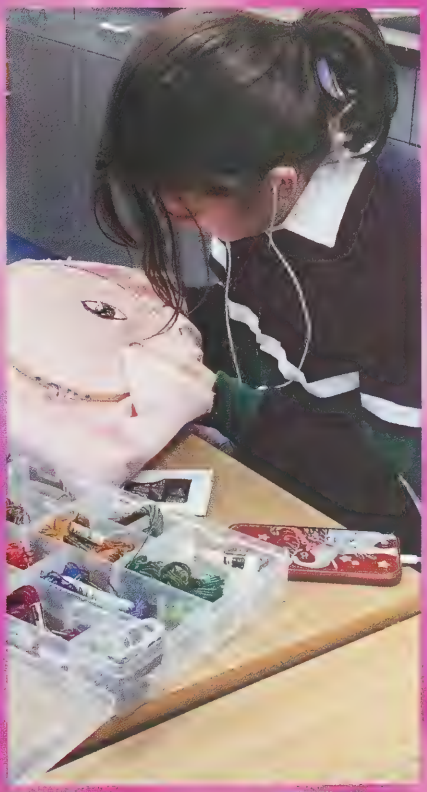

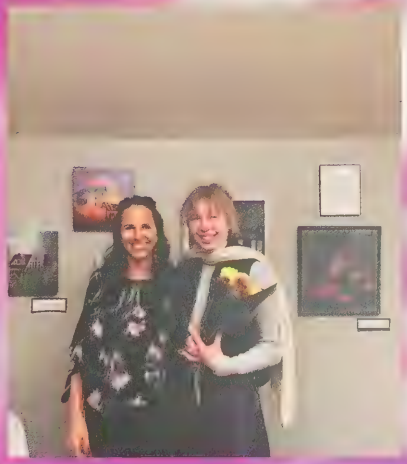

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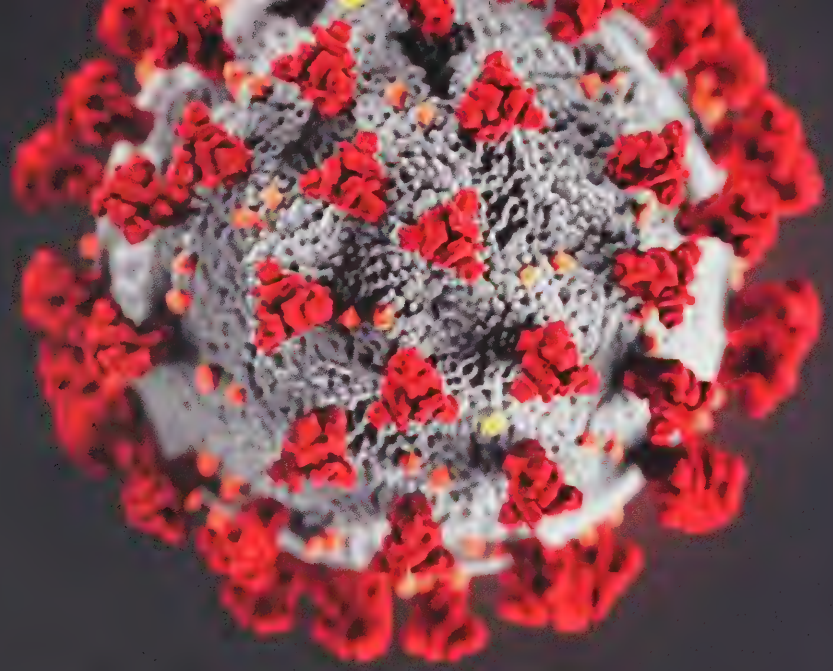

How COVID-19 changed our lives

Nov. 2019

A novel coronavirus was first identified in China's Hubei province. The disease it causes attacks the lungs and causes rapid onset of pneumonia in already immunocompromised patients.

Jan. 25

A man who arrives in Toronto's Pearson Airport from Wuhan, China becsomes the first 'presumptive' case of the new corona virus here in Canada.

The World Health Organization (WHO) names the virus SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2) and the disease it causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019). Worldwide death toll is 1,107.

2/11

BC Health Minister Adrian Dix and Bc Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announce the first presumptive case of the novel coronavirus in BC. The patient had recently been to Wuhan, China on a business trip and tested positive after returning home.

January 28

March

11

Canada had 118 cases.
United States had 1,267 cases.
Italy had more than 12,000 cases.

The WHO declared SARS-CoV-2 a pandemic, which meant the 118,000 cases and more than 4,000 deaths worldwide required more specific and targeted attention and resources.

12

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau self-isolated after she experienced symptoms. He was cleared, but she had the virus.

fourteen

People all across the country begin to stock up on toilet paper, cleaning supplies and non perishable goods. Stores begin to run out.

31st

Officials say 1,066 people in BC have had confirmed infections of the novel coronavirus. 25 people have died, while more than half of all patients have fully recovered.

- Canada reported 341 cases.
- More cases were reported outside mainland China than inside it for the first time in the history of the disease.

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Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry declares a public health emergency in BC. This leads to the closure of all schools indefinitely. The Prime Minister Justin Trudeau delivers a stern message for all Canadians still abroad: "It's time to come home."

17 St. Patrick's Day

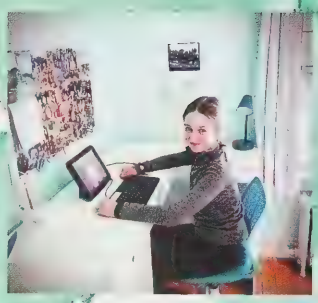
Eighteen

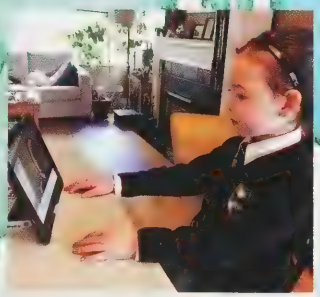
A provincial state of emergency is declared in BC, meanwhile our government closes the Canada/Us border for non-essential travellers

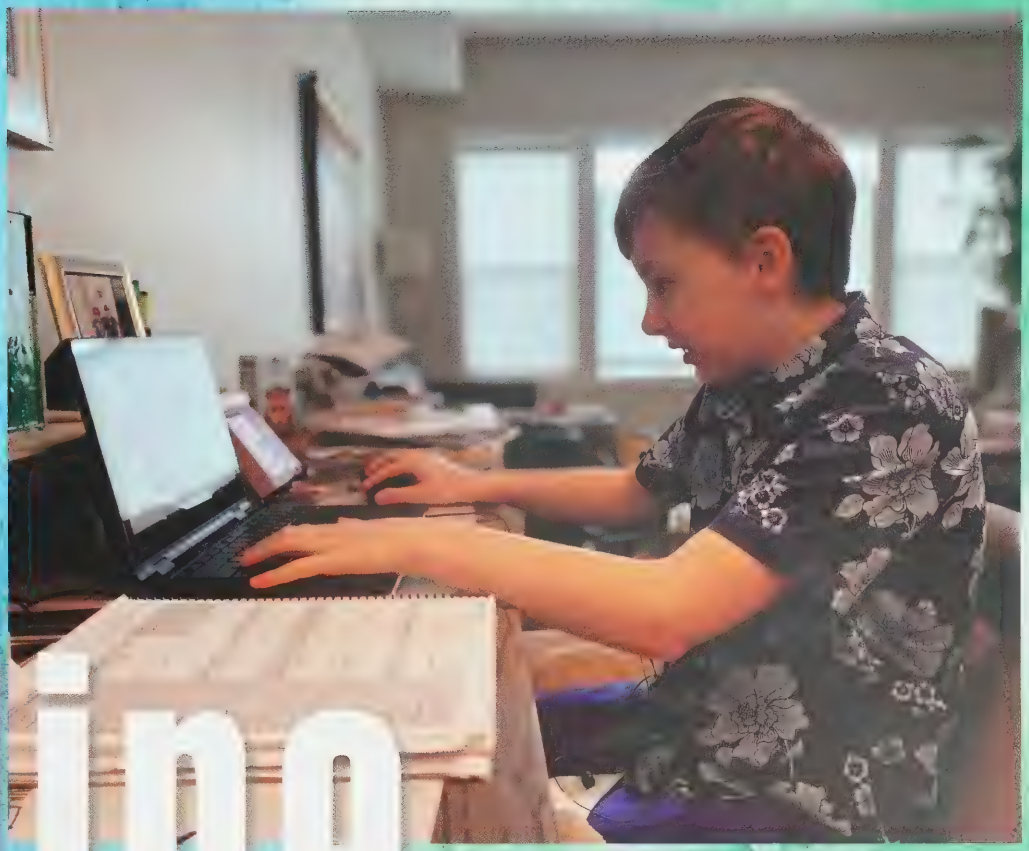
All information gathered Mar. 13-17 from CDC.gov, WHO.int, APnews.org, CNN.org, LATimes.com, CBC.ca

And then there was

Gryphons







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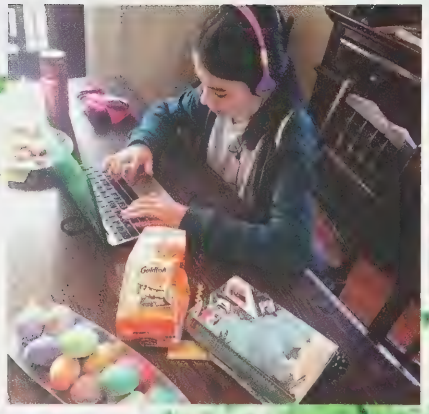

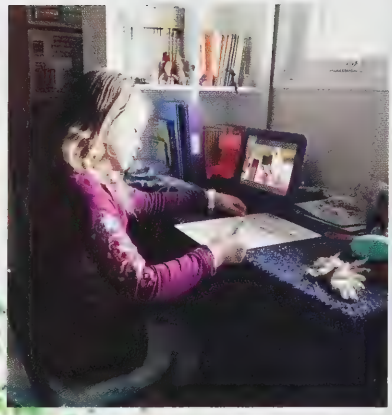

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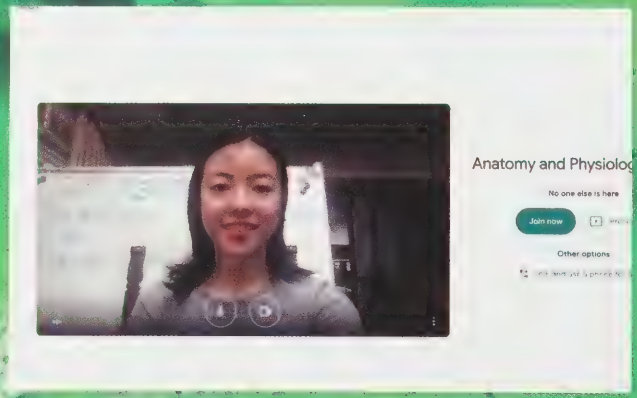
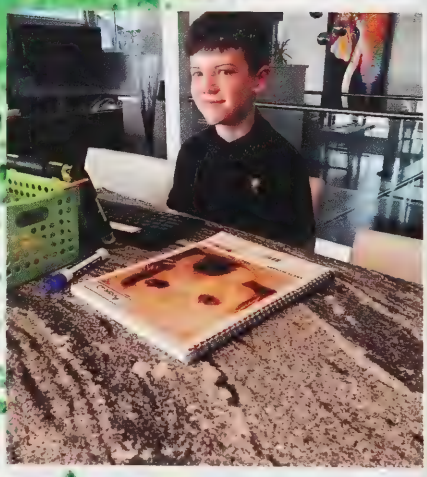
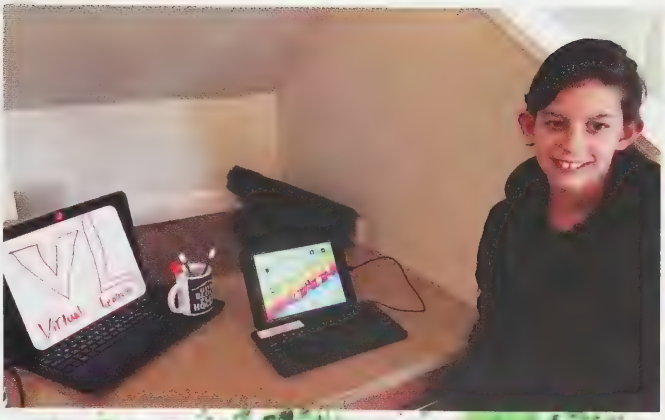
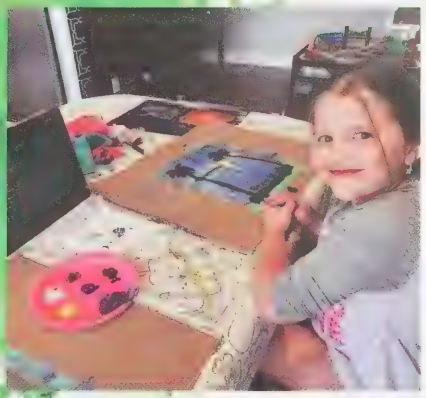






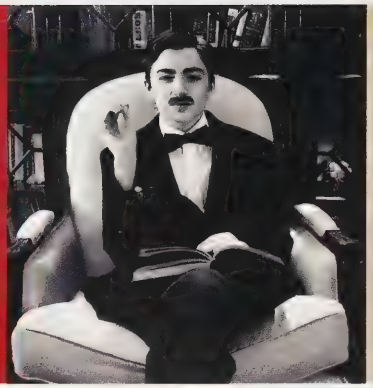
NINJA COWBOY BEAR

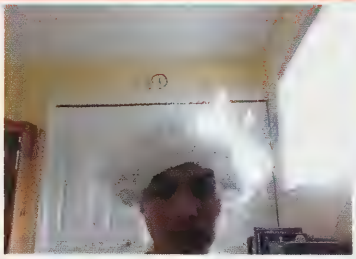
GO!

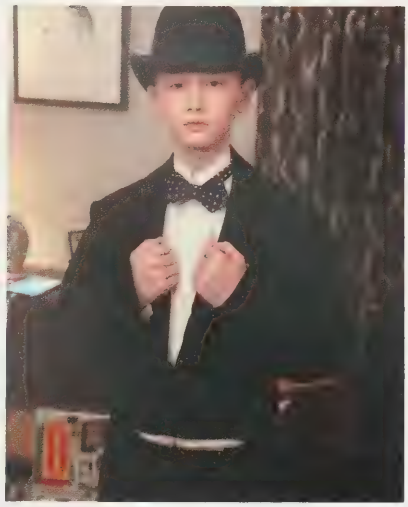


Kate Marriette
Amana Bandechha
David Sol

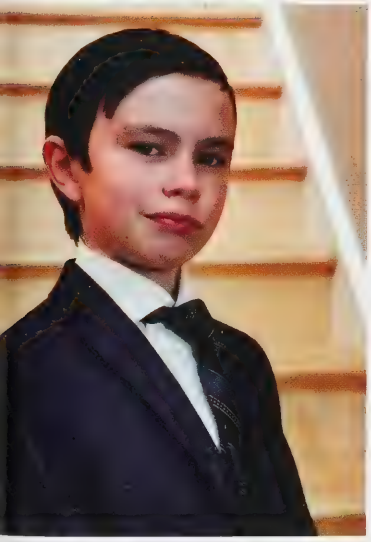
Our Grade 8 students were able to adapt and go forth, as they upheld the long-standing tradition of performing in the Gallery of Fame. It may not have looked like previous years with students walking down to the stage and showing off their knowledge and creativity to an audience, but they still managed to put on quite a show—virtually.

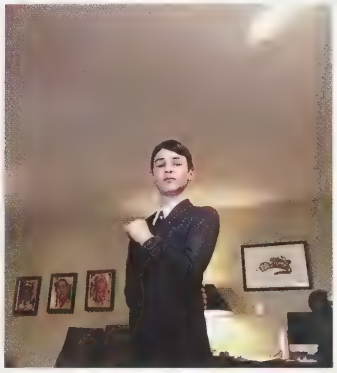




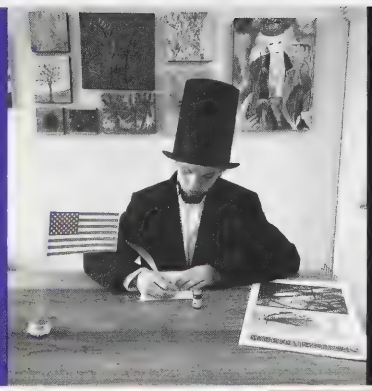


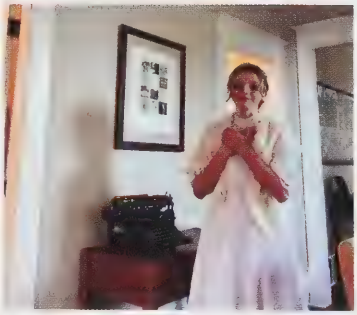
Gallery of Fame

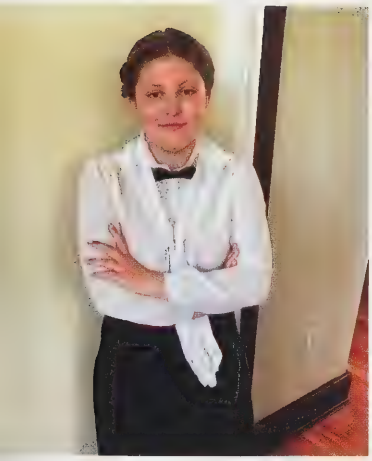




The Grade 8s use detailed research to take on the persona of an important figure from history. This year, students had to work to create environments and costumes appropriate to their character while in their homes. The sets they created were used as the backdrop for recording their performances of their speeches showing not only their character's physical and vocal nuances, but also their own adaptability and creativity.







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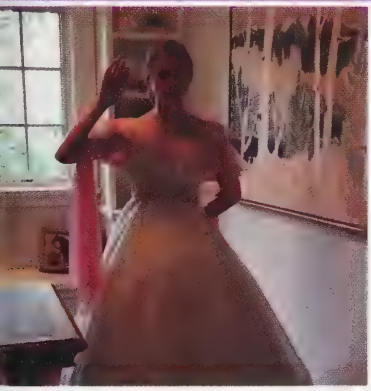
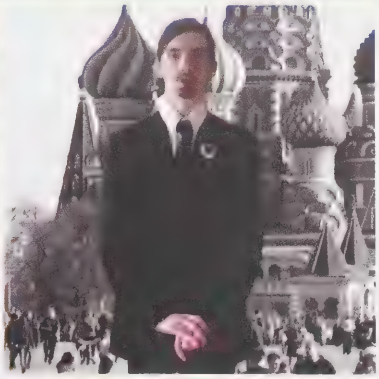
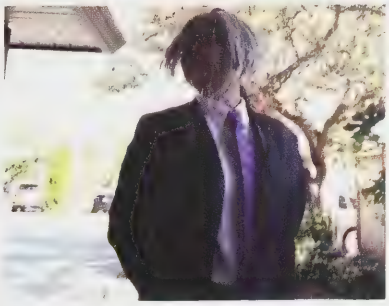
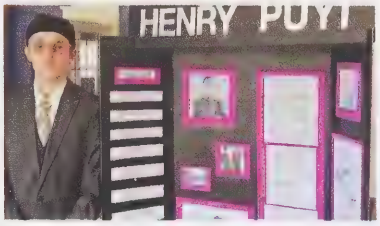








Athletic Awards

Dylan Sprang - Arran Cup

Nicole Burnett - Victrix Ludorum Trophy

Taylor Macdonald - Jim DeGoede Cup

Ian Kunka - Penn Family Shield for Sportsmanship

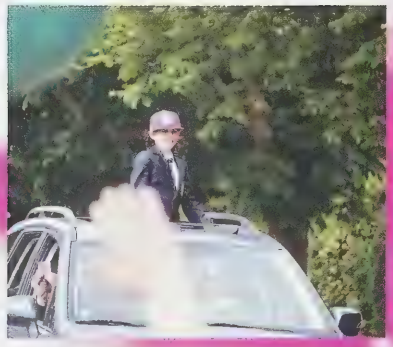
Camille Germain - Penn Family Shield for Sportsmanship

Savanna Yaremchuk - Jenny John Trophy

Alec Boegman - Victrix Ludorum Trophy

Madi Davits - Allen and Loreen Vandekerkhove Family Foundation Scholarship for Athletics

Jamie Burnett - Jim DeGoede Cup



Junior School Parade

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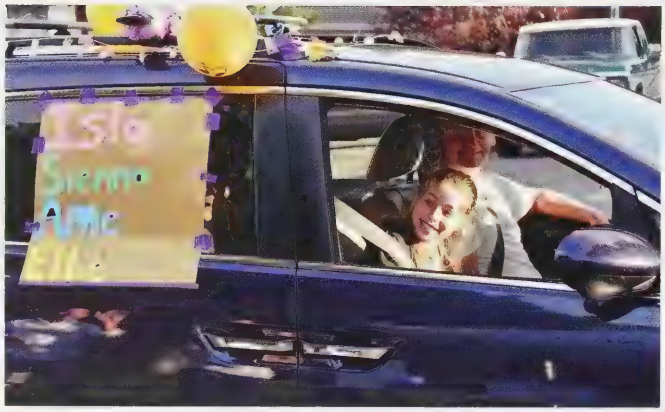
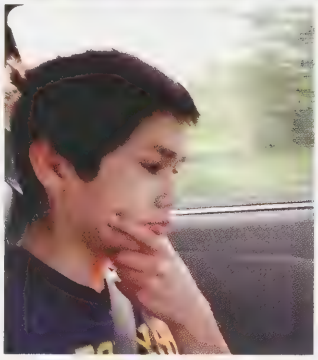
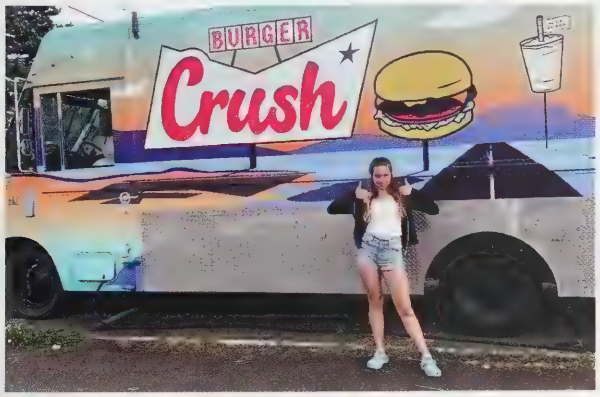
Grade 8

GOOSE CHASE





St. Charles

ROYAL BRITISH COLUMBIA MUSEUM

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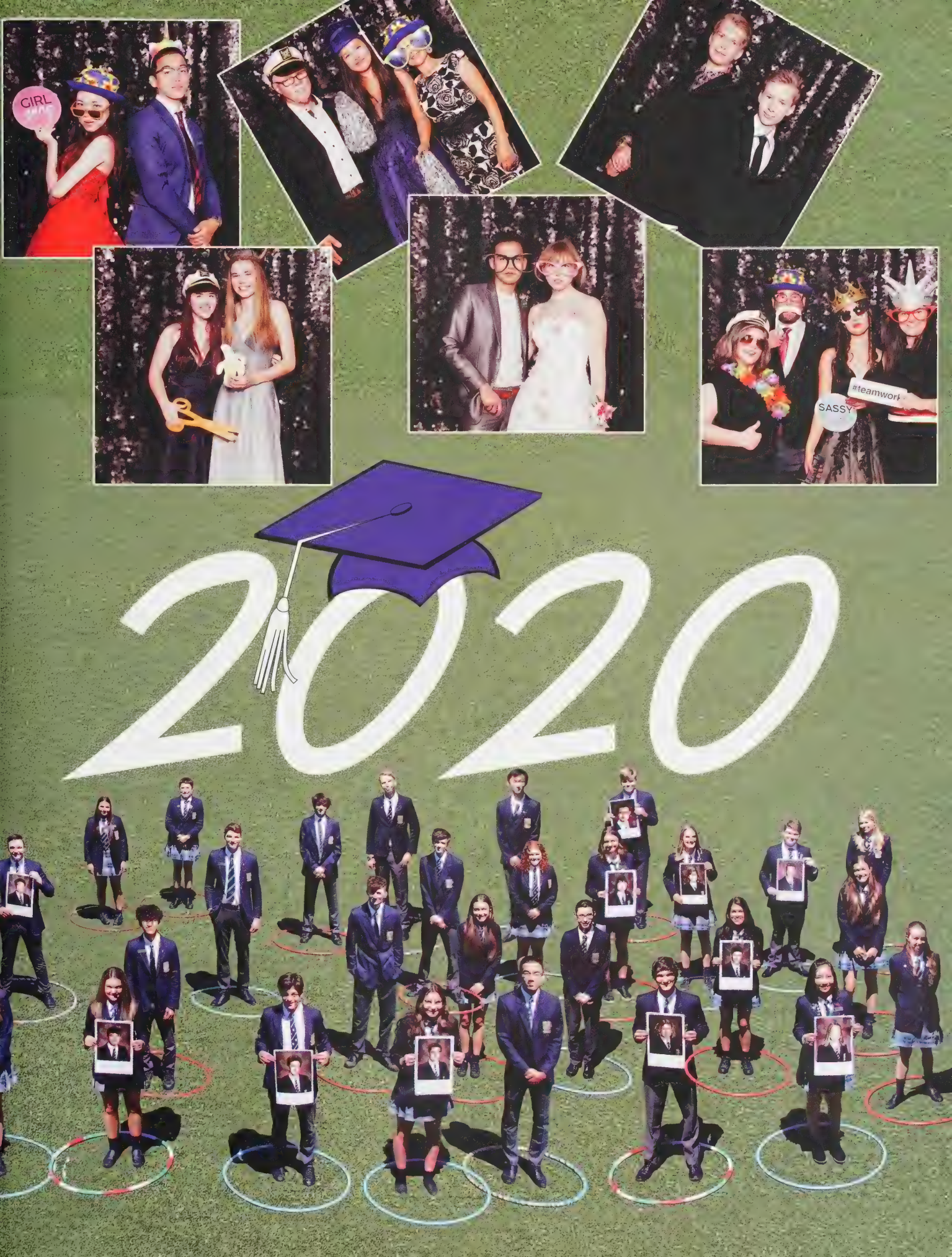
GIRL
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#teamwork
2020

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Ava Acomba

A lifer, Ava first arrived at GNS when she was just four years old, as a kind, generous, giggly girl who has remained that way, but is now also known for joyful fits of uncontrolled laughter. We will remember her for so many positive qualities, such as the generous spirit that led to weekly volunteering with her bud Annissa…but also for accidentally letting her hair catch on fire at the grad winter formal–a legendary tale. In the future, Ava plans to study life sciences at university and dive around the world.

Matthew Alexander

Matthew is a lifer in the truest sense of the word–he was almost born at GNS! (for reals). When Matthew first started at GNS, he was only 3¾ and loved the snack table in JK and finding crabs when the tide was out. He also loved naps. Nowadays, Matthew claims he is known for sleeping in the dining hall, in assembly, in, well anywhere, and also, ironically, for drinking mango loco energy drinks. Next year Matthew will attend the University of Victoria for their writing program with a goal of becoming a freelance author, while working in the gaming industry. "To game, or not to game, that is the question!"

Eliza Bajnes

Since forever Eliza's parents have called her 'Elizadomore' not 'Elizadolittle,' which was evident at the Grade 9 co-curricular fair when she was rushing around signing up for EVERYTHING. From day one Eliza immersed herself in all aspects of GNS from soccer to field hockey to Round Square Big Builds in Sri Lanka. She will miss the community and people at GNS, but she will look back at the memories she's created as 'the good old days'. After graduation, Eliza is excited to study Kinesiology at Queens University.

Conor Barclay

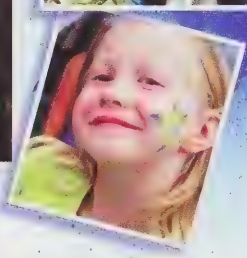
Conor claims that he is best known for driving the fastest car in town (the 'stang) and for being a local beauty on campus. A self-described "charismatic rugby athlete," he is admired for his loyal friendship, outgoing sense of humor, and staunch nationalism. His favourite memories from GNS are chilling with the boys, playing rugby and supporting his favorite GNS punk rock band. Next year, Conor will go to Queens University to study engineering. In the eternal words of Wooderson, "You gotta keep on livin'… L-I-V-I-N."

Ellie Bird

GNS will miss Ellie, even though she always seemed to be either signing out from or signing into campus. Her friends describe her as perpetually smiley, always positive and never tired (probably because she's very caffeinated). Ellie says she'll remember spending $200 per week on Starbucks, being forced to play a butler by Mrs. Chatterton, and being criticized by Kaya and Jess for her driving skills. Ellie will study biochemistry next year at Queens University, and she'll never forget the one time she got a 7 in chemistry.

Alec Boegman

As an athlete and teammate, Alec will be remembered as "Grundfos," someone who supports the boys with his goofy personality. When Alec first arrived at GNS, he was a skinny Grade 7–his words, but he has grown into an impressive Grade 12 with some unusual talents. For example, he is capable of sneezing so loudly and unexpectedly that you can hear it from three classes down. This is objectively impressive. He has more traditional talents as well in sports, where he embodies the spirit of 'playing for the joy of the game'. Next year, Alec will attend Queens University to study Psychology.

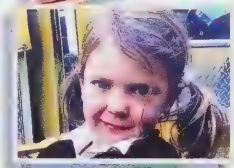


Abi Bowering

Abi, or GMUN Undersecretary General of Marketing and Logistics Abigail Bowering, as she prefers to be known, came to GNS in Grade 11, but she fit in so well that Mrs. Nielson wrote in a reference letter that she arrived in Grade 10. Her best memories include taking HL Physics, which she inexplicably once described as 'fun,' watching Mrs. Chatterton scoot her desk around the room, doubling Jessica's pre-calc 12 exam grade after a one-night crash-course, um-diddle-idling with Polina in Mary Poppins and yelling at Sofie for forgetting to add the phenolphthalein. Next year, Abi will head off to the University of Ottawa to study Environmental Geoscience.

Charlotte Brady

Instead of saying things about Charlotte and her accomplishments, she would like to dedicate this time to acknowledge the people who got her to this moment. She thanks her parents and grandparents for supporting her. To her clan, whose misadventures are borderline legendary (they know who they are!): "Thanks for making my world a little brighter on the stressful days–which, admittedly, happened a lot." And to her teachers, for imparting not only knowledge, but so much wisdom, and life advice. Post-graduation, Char will pursue political science, transitioning into political journalism or criminal defense law.



Nicole Burnett

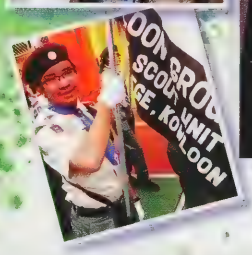
As she tells it, when Nicole first arrived at great big GNS, she was like a little deer in the headlights. There were so many opportunities, from sports to the arts to class selections. But it didn't take long for her to find her place, both in the classroom and on the playing field. As an athlete, Nicole will always be remembered as someone who wants to win. Like, REALLY wants to win. Nicole will miss the GNS community and we will miss her, but we rest assured that Nicole will be out there kickin' it on the Varsity Soccer Field at the University of Saskatchewan.

Simone Caruso

Simone, aka Simmy, came to GNS in Grade 10, and little did we know that she would be the epitome of fierceness and sarcasm. A self-described "casual rebel, always pushing the envelope," Simone's talents are many: she has been yanking chain on the GNS Rowing team for three years, has blessed the soccer field with her epic defense–never cross a redhead–and is always willing to help out those struggling with math and chemistry. We will miss her fiery personality next year but we know she will find success at McGill University studying Environmental Sciences.

Anastasia Castro

Anastasia, also known as Stas, is best known for hugging trees and climbing rocks. While being adventurous, feisty, and stubborn as a mule, Anastasia is also known for her passion for learning and as a dedicated leader of the Environment and Adventure Club. She will always be remembered for the many honours she earned in her war against plastics...and also for her increasingly desperate attempts to make people return their forks to the cafeteria. Next year, Anastasia will go to university to perfect the art of procrastination and cheerfully neglect folding her laundry. Her life goal is to own a Schnauzer named Yoda and finally write a darned book.

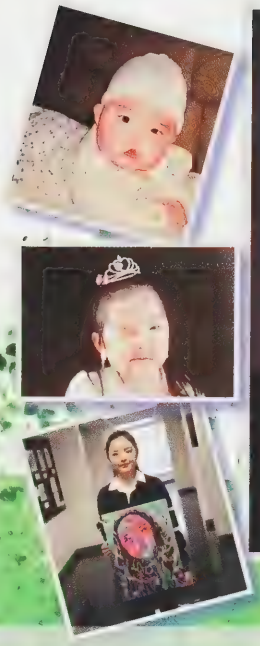


Chester Chau

Chester is known as a kind, lighthearted and thoughtful young man. He claims that he is "short, unathletic, yet helpful," but will be remembered as someone who put the rugby team first and set a gold standard for tenacity and determination. We think his most impressive trait is courage, highlighted with a standing ovation in his assembly presentation on Hong Kong. The whole school was inspired by his demonstration of the power of conquering your fears to speak up for your beliefs. At university, his goal is to study urban planning so that he can eventually return to his home city and help design it for the better.

Melody Cheng

If you know Melody, you know that she is kind, she is caring, and she loves to get things done. Melody is also shy and doesn't like to be the center of attention…She will be remembered for founding SO MANY clubs and conferences at GNS, from Model UN to TED-Ed and STEM Vision, a club that teaches science to children in the community. Melody's favorite memory from GNS will always be working in the lab during weekends and after school for her science fair project. In the future, Melody hopes to study biomedical sciences at the University of British Columbia and pursue a master of management dual degree.

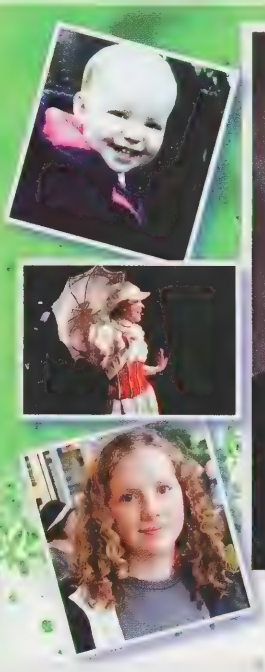


Lisa Choi

When Lisa first arrived at GNS, she claims she was in the middle of an identity crisis, going through an emo phase which lasted way longer than she would have liked. But she's an artist, so some drama is allowable. So is a new hairstyle every September. Lisa's favorite memory at GNS will be her history class, where she and Megan always sat at the very back of the class secretly eating and somehow not once getting caught by Mr. Stanley. In the future, Lisa hopes to explore her passion for the fine arts and is excited to attend Emily Carr University.

Seung Choi

Seung, aka "see-yung, song, swung, or yung lapras" is admired for acting 6 feet tall while being 5'5. He claims that if you were to ask a friend, teacher, or coach about Seung, they would tell you he's the GOAT (Greatest of all time). Our skillful and willful Seung showcased his talents as a soccer star striker that played a "full 90" every game...Next year, Seung will bring his energy to McGill to study biomedical science. We will miss him at GNS, but we know that see-yung will be out there dapping funny dudes, rapping NOTHING rude.., and making money moves.



Lily Davies

Lily, our theatre queen, discovered her love of acting at age seven when she stuffed balloons in her shirt to serve as muscles for a song about coconuts in assembly–the most impactful moment of her life to date. In Lily's six years at GNS, she's been part of every single theatre production–she's been Little Red Riding Hood, Mary Poppins, and a nun with only one line (There are no small roles). Next year, Lily will be going to the University of Victoria to study theatre before transferring to the University of Alberta. In her dorm, she will hang up the oil painting of her deceased badger husband from *Wind in the Willows*, where it will inevitably scare her roommate.

Nolan Dempsey

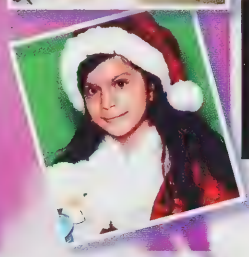
Nolan, also known as Nolan. If you were to ask about him, you would find out...he is named Nolan. He thinks he is best known for his amazing jokes.
Driven and ambitious, Nolan is competitive in everything. He never backs down from a challenge, he is never scared to share his opinion, and if you talk to his homeform you will learn he loves having arguments–I mean, discussions–in one of the MANY languages he speaks. Next year, Nolan will take his one-in-a-million self to McGill University to study Engineering, ready to explore the world of mining.

Jack DesBrisay

Jack is known for three things–none of which are related: being really smart, eating all the time, and carrying around multiple bags from class to class. His vast appetite makes a lot of sense, though, when you consider his other, calorie-intensive passion: rowing. He is particularly proud of his devotion to the GNS lifting club. In fact, if you were to ask Lifting Club supervisor Mr. Irvine, he would say Jack is his best friend, no matter what Matthew or Conor might claim. In the future, Jack hopes to chill with Mr. Irvine and make a bunch of money. In the meantime, he will attend the University of Victoria to study Commerce.

Drake Erickson

Drake is famous for his fashion sense and keeping a not-so-secret candy stash that he ALWAYS offered to share with his teachers. Over his nine years at GNS, he especially loved his Econ class, Global Politics, and anything to do with investing and making money. In fact, his creative writing teacher had to add a special "Drake rule" insisting on different themes, or every poem written by Drake would have simply been called "The Stock Market." Next year, Drake will go to the University of Victoria to study business before conquering the world and starting his investment portfolio.

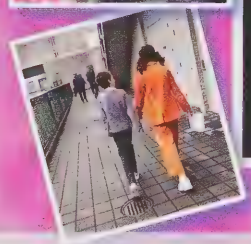


Dana Escalante Nava

Famous for screaming at the top of her lungs while playing volleyball, Dana has impressed us in many ways over her five years at GNS. To quote Shakespeare, "though she be but little, she is fierce!" No matter what she is doing, she pauses mid-sentence and says, "I think I lost my phone again." She is already nostalgic for the "good old" days at GNS: running to buy mangos in between volleyball games, talking to Ms. Drury in the library and lining up to buy those amazing cafeteria cookies. Next year, Dana will be at the University of British Columbia, pursuing her passion for the health sciences.

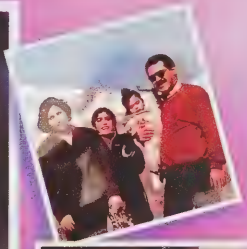
Nicole Fast

Throughout her six years at GNS, Nicole became known as an honest and outspoken graduate, and made her mark with her many swimming achievements in and out of school. In fact, in Grade 9 she gave herself the unofficial-official title, 'swim team captain.' Nicole will cherish memories of the Disneyland Band Trip and representing GNS at the Round Square Big Build in Morocco. In quarantine, she learned how to read Thai. No language is safe from her brain. Next year, Nicole will join the Canadian Armed Forces after completing basic training in Quebec. Bon voyage, Nicole!



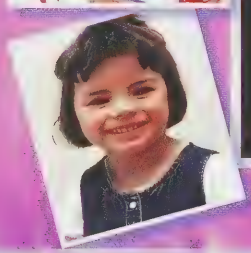
Sofie Finn Storan

When Sofie was five years old, she made her mom take her to Target so she could protest a toothpaste flavour she didn't like. We think that about sums her up. She will be remembered for being SO FUNNY, for her overuse of semicolons, and for her many catchphrases, including "Objectively," "Yes, I know, I am the best," and "Let's take 30 seconds to examine our own actions before we make criticisms." She'd like to thank Elspeth–sorry, Ms. Easton–for being her surrogate parent and once giving her $4 to buy Cheezits. She'll head off to Stanford University to study international and public affairs, but looks forward to still receiving frantic texts from Abi asking her to cut words from her papers.



Sara Garmestani

Sara arrived six weeks into Grade 10, finding herself at a brand new school where she would be learning in her fourth language. So she was a bit quiet–at first. Meeting her now, it is almost impossible to imagine her as anything other than the confident, honest, relaxed and kind student we celebrate today. Sara loves fun and games, from Book & Board Club at GNS to the Board Game Cafe. She also seeks challenges and perseveres through even the most trying situations...yes, even chemistry. Next year, Sara will go to the University of Victoria to study biology with a focus on medical sciences.



Camille Germain

Camille showed up at GNS as the little French girl who couldn't really speak English. By the time she reached Grade 10 she finally figured out that in English people said toilet paper and not paper toilet–Progress! Camille showed leadership and dedication on the rugby and soccer teams, and as Round Square prefect, and you may have spotted her doing weekly Bon Sushi takeout runs in red Christmas jammies, a McGill sweater, tie-dyed socks and Birkenstocks. Camille's favourite memories from GNS include Round Square trips to Sri Lanka, India, and Bermuda. After graduation, Camille will explore political sciences at McGill University and hopes to keep traveling the world.

Sebastian Gonzalez Padilla

Believe it or not, when Sebastian, aka Seb or Gonzo, first arrived at GNS, he seemed shy. It was his first international experience, his first time living away from home. He was trying to understand a different language, culture, country and school, all while trying to make new friends. However, he now says it feels like he's been here forever. A dedicated team leader in sport, Seb's favorite memory from GNS is coming in second at soccer provincials, where he got to wear number 10 and scored a lot of goals. He will be remembered as a role model on and off the field.

Annissa Granegger

Annissa is admired for her bubbly energy and winning charm...which hides a seriously mischievous streak. As Mrs. Chatterton put it, Annissa "has an innocent face that could get away with murder," though we know that kind-hearted Annissa would never get up to anything *really* naughty. She has many other memorable traits, among which she lists her unique accent and pronunciation of "squirrel" and "yogurt." Annissa will always remember her service trip to Ecuador, being denied boarding on her flight home with Megan, and then not sleeping for 72 hours. Next year, Annissa will go to the University of British Columbia to study Life Sciences.

Katie Hurst

Katie, our Games Captain, first came to GNS in Grade 1. As a student, teammate and athlete, she always demonstrated incredible determination and enthusiasm. Her peers and teachers can tell you that Katie is a ray of sunshine; she is a constant source of smiles and is always good for a laugh. She loves her friends, and a highlight of GNS is the time spent with them simply exploring the beach. Her grit serves her well, and not just in her studies; she can also put together a thousand piece puzzle in a hot minute. Next year, Katie will attend the University of British Columbia to study kinesiology.

Izzy Irvine

When Izzy first arrived at GNS, she was five years old and rocking a sweater vest. Izzy is now known for her affinity for iced coffee, dogs with squished faces (especially her pug, Ron) and being a yogi in training. Her friends also tell us that she is very caring, has an awesome sense of style (not surprising, given the sweater vest) and gets excited about the offer of a picnic, no matter what the weather. In the future, Izzy hopes to pursue her interests in art and writing, and live in a super cool apartment with her twin BFFs, Aimee and Maddie.

Sally Jones

Sally humble brags that she was the Grade 5 valedictorian at her old school. Having set such a high standard at a young age she knew she would have to keep working hard, and so quickly established herself as a friend to all and, eventually, a rowing powerhouse. Ms. Elbert says Sally is incredibly enthusiastic and exceptionally talkative–and probably the nicest human on the planet. Sally will leave her two lockers of rowing clothes behind to continue rowing with the Thunderbirds at the University of British Columbia, where she will find time between workouts to study sciences. She will continue to live by her motto, "It's not a real cry if the tears don't fall."

Emily Katral

When Emily first arrived at GNS she was instantly accepted into the best group of friends...ever! She can be counted on for her big smile, dance moves and, most importantly, her ability to cook the ultimate scrambled eggs. Emily was often found in the learning commons gathered around a large table, chatting and feasting with friends. She was always afraid to have her nose piercing showing, in case she was spotted by Mr. Thorau. She will remember GNS for time spent with friends and endlessly supportive teachers. After graduation, Emily will immerse herself in psychology and art at the University of British Columbia.

Ian Kunka

Although Ian's two years at GNS have passed in a flash, he has made a lasting impact. Whether leading the trumpet section, captaining the soccer team, organizing the peer tutors, or helping out at SAC events, he always maintained a diverse portfolio. According to Ms. Dallin, Ian is more mature than she is and should run the homeform. Perhaps this is because he is always willing to pause what he's doing to help another student solve a complicated math or science problem. And he won't stop helping until they understand every aspect of the question. After graduation, Ian plans to attend the University of Toronto to study engineering, focusing on sustainable and clean energy.

Erica Lee

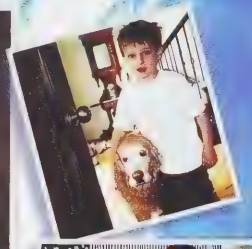
When Erica first arrived at GNS, she brought boundless curiosity and was excited to take on all the challenges the great big world had to offer. Erica is well known for brutal studying schedules, so if you have seen her at the library during school hours, she was probably attempting to solve challenging maths or physics problems...or maybe secretly watching Netflix. According to her friends, she is still a child at heart, and can be super goofy sometimes. We will miss her, but we know that this math genius will explore applications of engineering and achieving all her goals and dreams.

William Li

Many people think of William as quiet, even an introvert, but if you bring up the right topic–badminton, for example–he will talk your ear off. As a member of the art and book and board game clubs, as well as an active participant on the badminton, and climbing teams, William will be remembered as an energetic and positive individual. And nobody runs a better game of "Werewolf." His friends describe him like a recipe: "Lots of kindness, with a splash of humor, and a pinch of awkwardness...but in a good way." In the future, William hopes to become an architect designing cool commercial buildings in big urban cities.

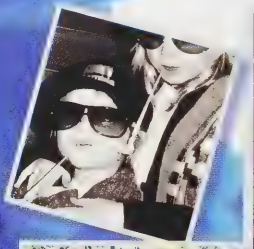
Ismay Macklin

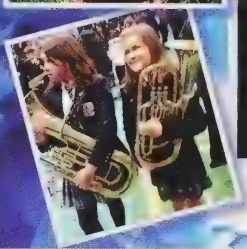
When 13-year-old Ismay first came to GNS from Gabriola Island, she was walking around with her ombre hair, in shock of what life in the big city could be. Oh, what a change a few years has brought. Now Ismay is admired for her funky style, delicious lunches, and her passion for helping others. But a look inside her bag reveals what she truly values: a note from a friend she loves, a bag of dill pickle popcorn, and the book she is currently reading. Next year, Ismay will be tending her vegetable garden while in the gender studies program at the University of Victoria.



Colin MacMillan

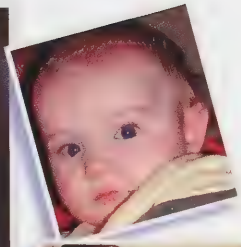
Colin has always put a high priority on sports, of both the electronic and the traditional variety. For example, he loved his time on the rugby pitch, even though he consistently got laid out by larger players. He was always willing to stop what he was doing to play some Smash Bros with the boys. Throughout his six years at GNS, Colin made a point of arriving fashionably late, but felt this contributed to his mystique. Although we will miss Colin, we know that he will have many opportunities to apply his talents as he moves forward to study computer science at university.





Tess McCaig

Tess spent 10 years causing a ruckus at GNS before taking a brief hiatus, missing us terribly, and coming back to end her high school career with a bang. Tess is known for her fearless hairstyles, most notably the mullet, and now the buzzcut. Tess's favourite memory from GNS is paper cutting competitions at the Beach Campus. She's talented, perceptive, honest, and likes to tell it like it is, qualities that serve her well in life and in her brilliant writing. She's also an avid manga reader and an epic dancer. This Gryphon is planning to head to Spain in her gap year, and we know that her independence and determination will serve her well.

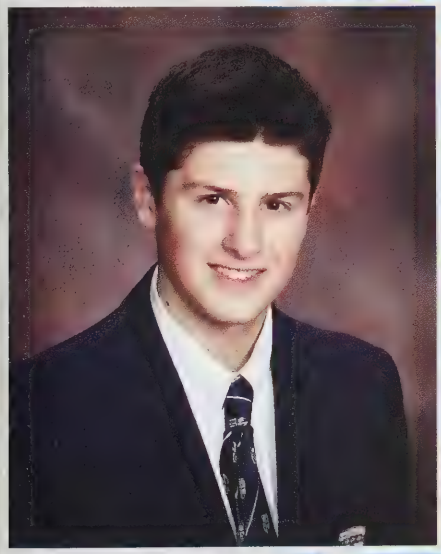


Scott McCollom

Scott has attended GNS since Grade 3 and always been a particularly active Gryphon. He is especially proud of his contributions to the theatre programme, and made a name for himself in many demanding roles. We don't have time to list them all, but he asked that we emphasize his career highlight roles: Gaston, George Banks, and a cow. He and Charlotte together caused Ms. Easton so much trouble that rather than differentiate, she just referred to both of them as "Scarlet" thus saving time admonishing them. Next year, Scott will further develop his career as a director/film student at Capilano University. We look forward to seeing him at the Oscars one day!

Clara Meyer

Throughout her four years at GNS, Clara, our Student Activity Council prefect has never turned down an opportunity to help including stepping up to be the clarinet section leader. She was the setter on the senior volleyball team, all while helping coach the middle school team. That can-do attitude is why Clara has been admired for her leadership and enthusiasm, and if you were to ask a friend about her, you would hear that she is laughing 99.9 per cent of the time...particularly when she and Eliza were supposed to be working on chem together. Clara hopes one day to attend a One Direction reunion concert with her friends but first she will head to McGill University next year to study civil engineering.



Diego Morgenstern

Diego is well known for his contributions to the soccer and basketball teams. He has been an honoured member of the GNS family for the last three years. As an athlete, Diego will be remembered for his determination, and for supporting his teammates in the classroom, as well as on the pitch. One of his best memories as a Gryphon was the Soccer Provincials of 2019, in which the team earned a silver medal. After graduation, Diego plans to study business at university. Congratulations to a Gryphon for life, our Mexican soccer goalie with the golden gloves, Diego Morgenstern.

Thu Nguyen

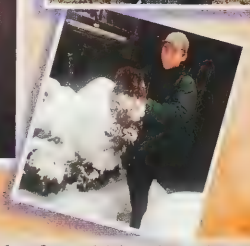
Unlike her name suggests, this Gryphon has never been second in anything. As a student, Thu will always try to be the best and as a friend, the most caring–from speedily teaching you calculus just minutes before the test, to comforting you after, even though you left half of it blank. Her lively exclamations in the learning commons–huh? What?! AHH!–often startled her friends, but her enthusiasm always lightened everyone's mood. We will miss her at GNS, but we know that Thu will pursue her dream of becoming a nurse and will continue to bring a little rainbow of joy to others.

Aimee Perry

Arriving to GNS in Grade 10, Aimee's strong English accent and endless supply of gum made her immediately extra cool. Creative Aimee writes deeply beautiful poetry, and probably writes better similes than her English teacher, who might say "she is as warm and gentle as a ray of sunshine." In addition, to her creative spark she's a workhorse who never settles for anything less than excellence, both academically and in her service to the community. One of Aimee's highlights as a Gryphon was representing the school at a Big Build Service Trip in Morocco. In the future, she plans to pursue a career in medicine, hopefully as an OB/GYN, an appropriate choice for someone as clever and compassionate as Aimee.

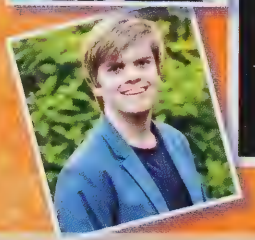
Maddie Perry

From her first day at GNS in Grade 10 Maddie has come to be known as a math genius and talented musician, who includes FINALLY moving up to first flute in the band as one of her highlights. She is known for running fast, making the best iced coffees, and being an expert on everything Princess Di. In Maddie's locker, you are sure to find empty jars of coffee...yet ironically, she is constantly tired. Of course, Maddie cares for more than caffeine. She is always ready to quietly listen to your big life problems–she spends a lot of her personal time helping others. In the future, she plans to pursue an exciting career in BioMedical Engineering.



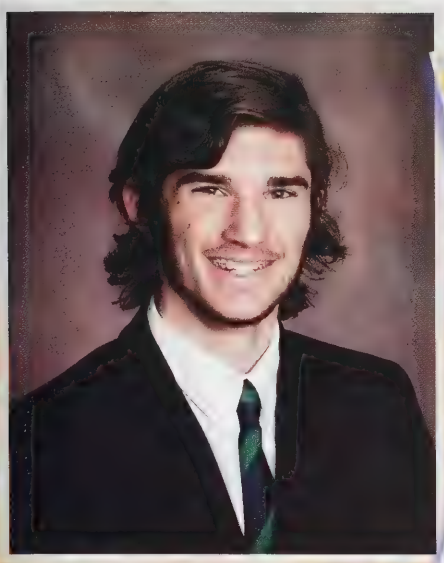
Leo Prosalendis

Since Leo joined the school in Grade 5 he found his place in the GNS community: leading it, as middle school head boy! Leo's teachers have celebrated his maturity, insight and thoughtful disposition. He successfully sampled many different roles including rower, rugby player, and member of the Model UN with astonishing diplomatic prowess. As the de facto lifting club captain (a title claimed by many students), Leo frequently looked for new ways to break into the fitness centre. He never stopped trying to use his wit and silver tongue to convince Mr. Stanley that he had, in fact, completed his work. Leo plans on taking his aptitude for diplomacy and well-rounded leadership experiences to the University of Victoria to study political science, and eventually law.



Callum Robertson

Another lifer, Callum has engaged in all aspects of GNS life. As a para-swimmer, wheelchair tennis player, student, artist, rower, athlete, teammate and proud Gryphon, he will be remembered as someone who did his best through truth and courage. Our Bronze Medal Duke of Edinburgh Award recipient will never forget being on the winning team of the Middle School volleyball challenge, Camp Imadene, writing class and the "day without time" in Miss De Hoog's Grade 2 class. Callum will attend Camosun College, and plans to explore the world of business and accounting and learn more about farming, a newfound passion. One day we hope to see Callum representing Canada at the Paralympics!

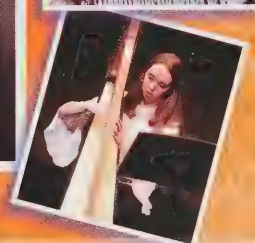


Luke Rodrigues

Luke Rodrigues, AKA "Followspot," is a good student, a great friend and an enthusiastic Head Boy. He has more one-liners than Rodney Dangerfield, but 90 per cent of them are about geology, and 10 per cent are about Star Wars. Regardless, even his most painful puns never fail to make someone in the room laugh, which makes it all worthwhile. While at GNS, Luke enjoyed creative assignments in English class, being a part of the Ultimate Frisbee Team, and going to soccer provincials in Grade 12 with the senior boys team. He also loved acting in theatre, and making movies with his friends. Hopefully, in the not so distant future, we'll see his name in the credits of a film.

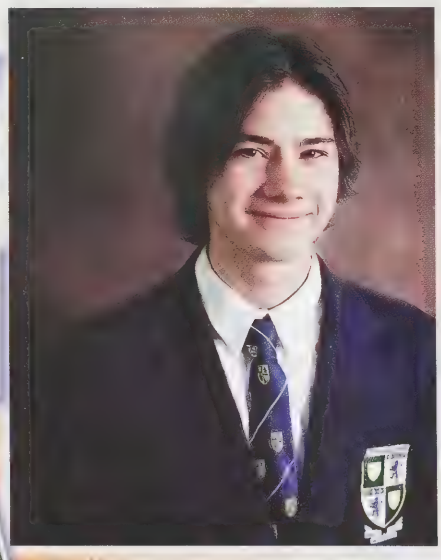
Jake Samphire

When Jake first arrived at GNS his report card described him as 'thoughtful' and 'positive'. Looking back, Jake says he was a 12-year-old bozo (his word) whose favorite memory will be filling large plastic bags full of water–It's the simple things. Throughout his six years at GNS, our epic and quiet Jake has made his mark at unexpected moments, such as showing up to the Ugly Pyjamas Christmas Family Photo Booth with his boys and his mom, or playing bass guitar for GNS's only punk band. Thoughtful, caring Jake could most frequently be found sharing his creative side in the art room. His goal is to move to Mexico City where he will live life to the fullest, playing bass guitar.



Saffron Sobkin

If you knew Saffron when she first joined GNS, you would probably have thought she was unassuming and shy. Don't let that fool you, though–she is quirky, observant, and clever, known for keeping a page of a classmate's quotes, reading whole novels in two hours, and possessing a vast trivia knowledge. There's almost nothing she won't try: she can sing, rock-climb, speak French, play the harp, and dissect a sheep's heart. Possibly at the same time! Saffron will travel across the pond to study sciences at the Queen's International Study Centre in Sussex, hoping for an eventual career in medicine where she can be interested in traumatic injuries without getting weird looks.

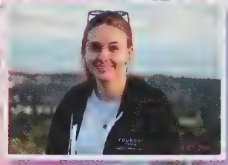


Ronen Somogyi

Ronen is a GNS "almost-lifer" who has been with the school since JK, aside from 18 months in Mexico where he regretfully missed his time in Kindergarten with Mr. Eagle. Ronen is infamous for not being able to chill with the boys "because he has rowing tomorrow" and being in a totally rocking punk band with fans ranging from random university students to Mr. Morales. We wish Ronen a mournful "later dude" as he embarks on his journey into the Commerce Program at the University of Victoria and with Vikes Rowing, although we are sure he will come back frequently to visit.

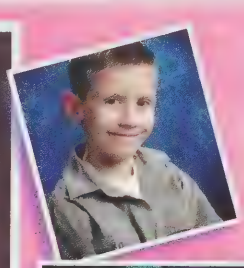
Sophia Song

Sophia, "Kevin" to her friends, is known for her epic manga portraits, intricate knitting creations and her infamous, definitely-against-dress-code, septum piercing. Although some may say she is intimidating, her confidence and kindness continue to inspire her peers. Thoughtful, creative Sophia is an understated genius who will always pick up a book instead of a phone. Her diversity of quiet, unassuming talents will lead her to success and we wish her luck on her journey to Tik Tok fame as she departs GNS to take a gap year.



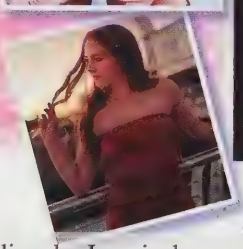
Jessica Soule

Jessica arrived at GNS in Grade 9 and we had no idea what we were in for. Her best memories of high school include yelling about Model UN in the library, loudly dictating voice-to-text memos, and trying to win a fight with Ryerson admissions about whether math studies is a real course. She juggled a remarkable number of co-curriculars over her time at GNS. Jessica's tireless dedication to an open conversation around mental health made a huge, positive impact on the school. Her dream is to work for the World Health Organization. Jessica will pursue a degree in international relations and public health, leaving a lemon-and-coconut hand sanitizer scented trail behind her.



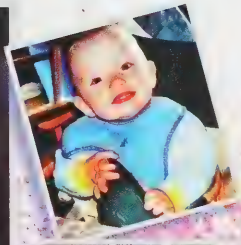
Mitchell Splett

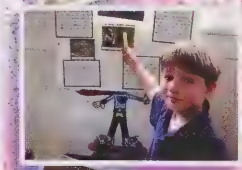
Throughout his single year at GNS, Mitchell worked to achieve good grades and make good friends. He is positive, energetic and respectful. His teachers say that everyone should be more like Mitchell, and not just because he is the only student who calls them by their proper names "sir" or "ma'am." He is particularly known for being cheerful in the face of set-backs...such as when he had to redo his entire extended essay–HIS ENTIRE EXTENDED ESSAY–but somehow maintained an upbeat attitude throughout the process. If that isn't Gryphon spirit, nothing is. A talented chemist, Mitchell hopes to research the properties of metal alloys and graphene, and plans to study materials engineering at the University of British Columbia.

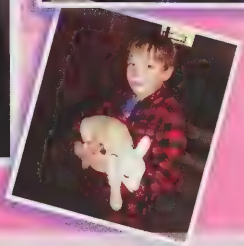


Jess Steves

Caitlin, aka Jess, is known for changing her name half way through her school career. She is admired for eating a family sized tub of hummus every day for lunch and getting told by teachers that it's too smelly to be eaten in class. In fact, this led to a "no hummus" rule in her ToK classroom. Jess is a competitive cheerleader at Island Elite and a passionate coach who loves her athletes. A formidable scholar, diploma candidate Jess has been accepted to Huron University at Western to study economics and compete on the Western All-Girl Cheer Team.







Jakob Svorkdal

Jakob doesn't take himself too seriously. His good-natured personality is so laid-back it seems nothing bothers him. Since Jakob arrived at GNS 12 years ago, he progressed to supreme senior manager of the lifting club - he insists this is his actual title. He was also a regular fixture in the school band. Though ...occasionally late for homeform, all was forgiven because he was so eager to educate everyone about world history and politics when he finally arrived. This passion, along with his model UN diplomacy, will put Jakob in good stead for his history studies at the University of Victoria.

Thitipong "Poon" Tantivorawong

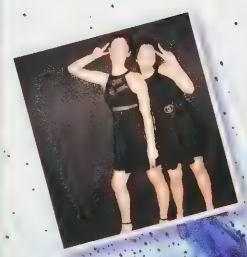
Poon loves good discussion, sharing new ideas amongst his friends and hosting long lunch conversations in the learning commons. He was also a dedicated and competitive member of the badminton team. Poon is admired for acing his classes, but more importantly for his generosity in sharing knowledge with anyone who asked. Seemingly modest at first, Poon is a real fashionista aiming to be the best-dressed at any event. Next year, Poon will study aerospace engineering with the dream of being the smartest AND best dressed student.

Defne Tanyer

Defne, intellectual and unruly, claims that she is known for being an okay person…and being okay with it. She is also famous for memorable quotes, such as, "I drink my coffee black, like an adult." Defne claims she will be remembered for being a "little extra" in literature class. Her favorite memory from GNS is filming entertaining short movies with Luke Rodrigues. She would like to thank Mr. Irvine for an amazing two years in homeform. Next year, Defne will attend the University of Toronto or the University of Waterloo.

Reid Thompson

When Reid started at GNS, he was by far the smallest boy on campus. He is very proud to announce that he is still the undisputed and undefeated champion of this title...but has become tall in spirit. He now goes by many other titles, including soccer Reid, monster Reid, rockstar Reid, Fortnite Reid...basically anything in front of "Reid.' He wants to be remembered as someone who always worked his hardest, especially throughout his six years on the soccer pitch. Next year Reid will go to Queens University to take part in engineering while pursuing his passion for soccer, and carrying on the tryouts for his elite Fortnite club.



Piramon "Pan" Tisapramotkul

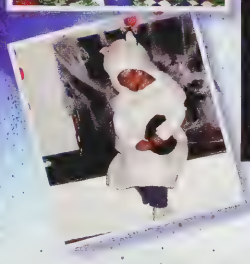
Even after six years at GNS, Piramon claims that, like an iceberg, she is full of hidden depths. She might, for example, text a friend at 4 a.m. to ask an opinion on her essay, but then humblebrag that she binged an entire Netflix show while writing it. Piramon never let fear stop her from anything, whether secretly watching horror movies, or stepping out of her comfort zone to voice her opinions. After all those late nights, she is proud to have successfully completed both her high school and IB diplomas. Next year, Piramon will pursue her passion for engineering, and plans to use her hard-earned knowledge to change the world.

Michaela Vandenham

Throughout her 14 years at GNS as an artist, student, athlete and teammate, Michaela has been a creative student who is committed to her friendships. Swimming is her thing, both in real life and on TV–she considers herself Bondi Rescue's number one fan. Her other love is art...never mind the mess in the art room. Michaela's dry sense of humour and her commitment to giant iced lattés will be remembered by all. After graduation, Michaela plans to take a gap year, travel, work as a lifeguard and continue developing her art. We have a feeling one day we may see Michaela on an episode of Bondi Beach saving a drowning tourist.

Polina Vitrouk

Our sweet and funny grad prefect Polina came to GNS in Grade 9 and has been lighting up the school ever since. Polina says she'll remember um-diddle-diddling with Abi, playing the Bookseller in *Beauty in the Beast*, and never completing her moldy bread lab. Polina can be seen in the halls making a statement by rocking her tampon earrings, hip strap backpack and orthopedic shoes. Beyond her memorable and funny antics, Polina is a generous friend, a fierce advocate, and an eternal optimist who always has a kind word for everyone. We know that her passion and enthusiasm will serve her well at McGill University next year.



Megan Vroom

As a lifer, Megan has so many fun memories at GNS. She is a formidable scholar who completed her IB diploma while maintaining that cool, collected facade. But her peers insist that her calm exterior conceals a seething volcano of competitive fire, quick to show itself whether racing Camille and Katie to the marina and back, or being queen of the court in every whip-war. In the Senior School she channeled her competitive nature into a love for volleyball, becoming captain of the team. She was feared for killer serves that threatened to cripple her teammates at every practice. After graduation, Megan is off for a year of traveling and walking the runways before heading off to Montreal for university.

Lam Vu

Lam joined GNS 4 years ago and is everyone's best friend, probably because the best word to describe her is "fun!" With her bright pink curler secured neatly in her bangs, Lam is always willing to try new things anywhere and everywhere on campus: in the choir room singing her heart out, with Ms. Nielson organizing Model UN conferences, or on the badminton court slamming the birdie at her opponent. On the academic side, Lam is hard-working, dedicated, and business-oriented. Who makes a business plan as their Personal Project? Lam does and does it well. With her enthusiasm, bravery, and determination–and with bubble tea in hand–Lam is destined for a successful future.

Cherry Wang

Did you know that Cherry was President of the GNS Bubble Tea Club? This budding entrepreneur is more multi-faceted than she first appears. In the classroom, her teachers saw a quiet and capable scholar but her friends will have you know she is also a GREAT listener, advisor, dance, cook, singer and a true friend. As a member of the Dance Club, she wowed us at the Lunar Festival assemblies but it was the riveting performances playing the Guzheng instrument that left us all breathless. We know that Cherry will continue to enjoy creative and academic success–bubble tea firmly in hand.

Piper Warhurst

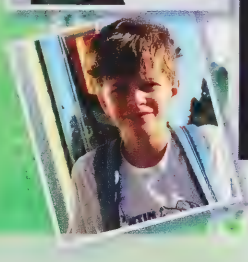
When Piper first arrived at GNS, no one could have predicted how much energy she would bring to the community. She is the kind of person who speaks her mind, and doesn't back down when she has something to say. This no-nonsense attitude served her well as co-captain of the senior girls field hockey team. Quick to jump in with an idea, she is proud that, on rare and valued occasions, her comments even won Mrs. Chatterton's highest praise: "intelligent." She was especially quick to defend math studies as a class. Piper is always willing to help others, which is fitting for someone who is pursuing nursing at Queen's University.

Soleil Watterson

Through her five years at GNS, Soleil has been a model of restraint, somehow always keeping her cool. However, her peers say that under that calm surface, you will find...actually, you will find a pretty calm person, a gentle, generous, and helpful soul who always looks out for her friends. An integral part of the art programme, she used colour to communicate emotion and she also expresses herself through the most beautiful, colour-coded notes, that post-graduation might be available for a small price. Soleil plans to attend Thompson River University studying educational psychology with a focus on special education programs.

Kaya Wende

Kaya felt timid on her first day at GNS, but her kind and caring nature guaranteed that she quickly made some great friends. She has also impressed with her appetite. During her years at GNS, Kaya has managed to eat enough cafeteria cookies for the whole Senior School. She is also apparently a bit of a hoarder, since she keeps a large and inexplicable collection of Ellie's used Starbucks cups in her locker. After graduation, Kaya is off to explore literature and science at the University of Victoria with the goal of becoming a pathologist, and then will visit every country in the world.



Sebastian White

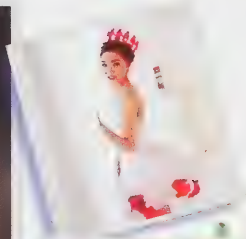
Sebastian, also known as Seb, is renowned for being a fast runner, for sometimes accidentally on purpose "forgetting" parts of his uniform, and for being an all-around good guy. Though he may appear to be one of our quieter students, Seb's friends say that he is always willing to stop what he is doing to cause a ruckus, like the infamous spider incident. A long-time band member and avid field hockey player, Seb has other interests outside of a quiet school routine. His life goal is to make big money, but next year he will be studying arts at McGill University.

Sienna Yaremchuk

When Sienna first arrived at GNS, she was mostly known as Ms. Sicotte's daughter. Not anymore. Everyone knows her now as a talented athlete and determined student. She was a force on the playing field, demonstrating competitive field hockey skills and leadership as co-captain of the rugby team. Sienna fondly remembers her Round Square service trips to Costa Rica and Borneo as they helped shape her love of giving back to the community. Sienna embodies true Gryphon spirit. We will miss her as she moves on to explore Sciences at UBC Okanagan, but know that her talents and perseverance will take her a long way.

Robin Zhang

Many people see Robin as an unusually calm and collected teenager. While true to a certain extent, give him a piano and you realize what you were witnessing was controlled passion. Throughout his years at GNS, Robin has been dedicated to studying hard and contributing to different clubs including jazz band, concert band, tech team and debate. He was an avid badminton player, affectionately admired for never giving up, even though he lost to William every time they played. That persistence is what makes him a true Gryphon. Our unassuming Robin will be missed as he heads off to McGill University to study sciences.



Amy Zhao

Arriving at GNS seven years ago, Amy's competitive nature drove her to go a little over the top on a class scavenger hunt breaking Ms. Waugh's iPad. We now see this as early evidence of her leadership skills. Amy loves to showcase other students through events like the Lunar New Year Festivals and her beloved Dance Club. She is also the mentor of the Little Angels dance troupe, where she taught her own unique moves, such as "the unicorn hip swirl" or "the lose-your-soul head shake." Amy sees the school as her home and the people here as her family. Amy will always treasure how the GNS community gave her the confidence to run for Head Girl. Next year, Amy will attend the University of Toronto's St. George campus to study Social Sciences.

Sam Zhao

When Guan Wen, aka "Sam," first arrived at GNS he was only 5 feet tall, but something here must have agreed with him, because he is now nearly 6'5. He believes it was thanks to the intense training regimen and influence of his basketball coach, though that doesn't explain why some of his teammates are still so short. Sam is known for a variety of talents, but mainly for creating his own rules in physics and for demonstrating insanely long-lasting survival skills in Gotcha. Next year, Sam will go to Western University or McMaster to study mechanical engineering.

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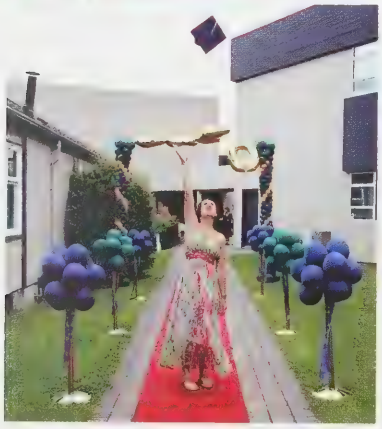

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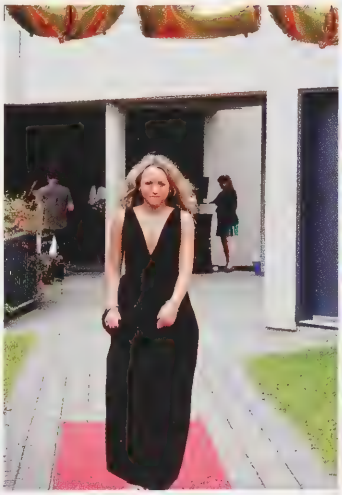

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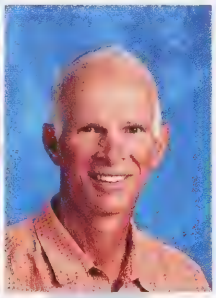
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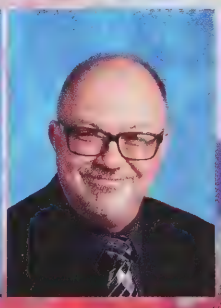
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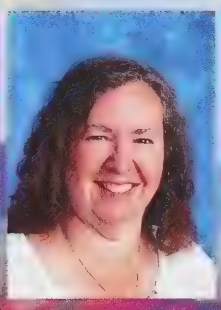
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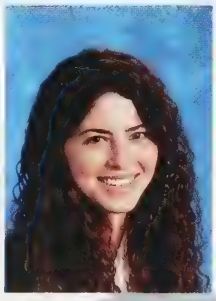
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WORLD BEAT 2019 2020

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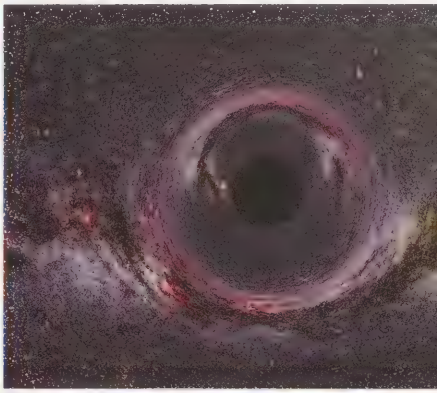

RING IN THE ROARING '20s

DECADE HIGHLIGHTS

2010 **APPLE UNVEILS THE FIRST iPAD**
Over three million units are sold in the first 80 days.

2011 **THE LAST HARRY POTTER FILM DEBUTS**
It becomes the highest-grossing film of 2011.

2012 **PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE MIDDLETON ARE MARRIED**
Held at Westminster Abbey in London, UK, 23 million Americans tune in for the ceremony.

2013 **"THE HARLEM SHAKE" GOES VIRAL**
The dance craze hits 1 billion views on YouTube in only 40 days.

2014 **THE ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE RAISES $115 MILLION FOR ALS RESEARCH AND AWARENESS**
Scientists discover a new gene tied to ALS thanks to funds from the challenge.

2015 **IS THE DRESS #BLACKANDBLUE OR #WHITEANDGOLD?**
Officially, it is black and blue.

2016 **LEONARDO DICAPRIO FINALLY WINS AN OSCAR**
He is previously nominated for five acting Oscars and one producing Oscar.

2017 **CANADA CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY**
Also known as Canada 150, Canadians came together and celebrated what it means to be Canadian.

2018 **PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN MARKLE ARE MARRIED**
The Duchess is the first American to marry into The Royal Family since 1937.

2019 **STREAMING SERVICES RULE THE ENTERTAINMENT MARKET**
Disney+®, Apple TV+®, Prime Video®, Netflix®, Hulu®, HBO®, Sling TV®...the options are endless.

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YEAR!
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HEADLINES

A LEGEND LOST

Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna Bryant, are killed in a helicopter crash along with seven others on January 26, 2020. Bryant is widely regarded as a basketball legend for his 20-season career with the Los Angeles Lakers and is the all-time leading scorer in Lakers franchise history.

FASTEST FINISH

Eliud Kipchoge finishes the Austrian INEOS marathon in 1 hour, 59 minutes and 40.2 seconds. He is the first human in history to run a marathon in under two hours. According to a team of pacemakers who keep up with Kipchoge throughout the ordeal, he runs a pace of 4:33.5 minutes per mile to finish the race ahead of schedule.

HISTORIC SPACEWALK

Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir complete the first spacewalk with an all-woman team. This is Koch's fourth space walk and Meir's first. NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine mentions that NASA's Artemis program is currently working to land the first woman and the next man on the moon in 2024.

TRUDEAU TRIUMPH

Justin Trudeau is re-elected as Prime Minister in the 2019 Canadian Federal Election. The Liberal Party is elected to a minority government, having lost the majority they won when forming government in 2015.

NOTRE DAME DESTRUCTION

A mammoth blaze tears through the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, nearly destroying the 850-year-old landmark. The church's wooden latticework roof and iconic spire collapse, but many of the valuable cultural treasures avoid damage with some kept safe at the Louvre Museum. French President Emmanuel Macron would like the Notre Dame Cathedral to be rebuilt in five years, but restoration experts believe it could take 10 to 15 years. More than $700 million is collected in donations for the reconstruction, including $100,000 from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

GLOBAL FIRES

Massive wildfires rage on two continents: in Brazil's Amazon rainforest and across Australia. This year the Amazon rainforest experiences the highest number of fires since Brazil's National Institute for Space Research began keeping records in 2013, which burn 2.2 million acres. The Australian bushfires primarily affect the state of New South Wales and 12 million acres are burned as of January 2020. New South Wales is home to Australia's most populous city, Sydney.

LOST CONTINENTS

Douwe van Hinsbergen – a geologist at Utrecht University in the Netherlands – and his colleagues discover a lost continent known as Greater Adria while studying rocks beneath the Mediterranean Sea. Approximately 140 million years ago, Greater Adria and southern Europe collided, burying Greater Adria in the process. Most of the continent sank beneath what is now Italy, Greece and the Baltics. Analysis of ancient rocks suggests that almost all of Earth's earliest continents might have disappeared, leaving traces behind like certain rocks found on the Alps.

ROYAL RETREAT

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex announce they are stepping down as "senior" working royals. The couple intend to live in Canada approximately half of each year, and pursue charitable works and employment independent of the Crown. Struggles with the media are cited as a contributing factor.

SPORTS

PHOTO FINISH

Lawrence Cherono wins the 2019 Boston Marathon in the third-closest finish ever, edging out Lelisa Desisa by two seconds. A review of the photo finish is needed to confirm the winner.

BACK TO BACK BROOKS

Brooks Koepka is a back-to-back winner of the PGA Championship. This is his fourth major win in 23 months, a milestone only four other golf greats have reached: Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. Thi is the first repeat PGA Championship winner since Tiger Woods in 2007.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

USA defeats the Netherlands 2-0 at the FIFA Women's World Cup. This is the fourth World Cup win for the U.S. Women's Soccer team and their second straight World Cup title. Co-captain Megan Rapinoe and team member Rose Lavelle score the two winning goals.

RAPTORS REIGN

The Toronto Raptors defeat the Golden State Warriors 114-110 in the NBA Championship Game. This is the first NBA Championship title in franchise history and the first-ever Canadian win.

VICTORY ON ICE

Team Canada defeats Team Russia 4-3 in the World Junior Hockey Championship in January 2020. Team Canada now holds 18 gold medals, more than any other country.

SPORTS

GREY CUP CHAMPIONS

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers claim victory over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the 2019 Grey Cup Championship by a score of 33-12. This is the Blue Bombers' first Grey Cup victory since 1990.

MEN'S SOCCER

While Toronto FC fails to defeat the Seattle Sounders in the 2019 MLS Cup, the Canadian Men's National Team defeats the USA 2-0 in the 4th Concacaf Nations League A match.

CANADIAN CHAMPION

Bianca Andreescu takes home the 2019 U.S. Open women's singles title, defeating Serena Williams in the final match. She is the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam singles title.

HISTORIC HEIGHTS

Simone Biles wins five gold medals at the 2019 World Championships, more than any gymnast at a single World Championship since 1958. She also earns her 25th career World medal, 19 of which are gold, a total that surpasses any gymnast in history. While winning her sixth U.S. all-around title in Stuttgart, Germany, the 22-year-old gymnast successfully lands two historic gymnastics moves: the double-double dismount off the balance beam and the triple-double on floor. Her landing of the triple-double move on floor is dubbed the Biles II in the FIG Women's Artistic Gymnastics Code of Points. She also has a floor element named the Biles.

2019 DAVIS CUP

Canada reaches the final of the Davis Cup for the first time in 2019. Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov led Canada to victory in the 2015 Junior Davis Cup and come in second in the 2019 Davis Cup final against Spain.

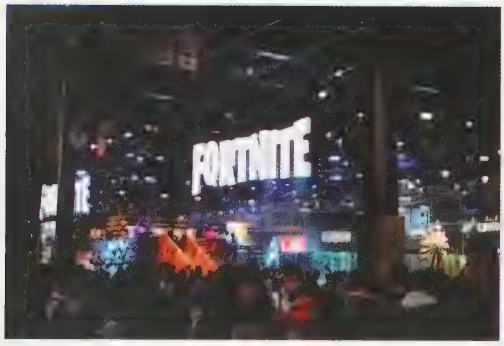
FORTNITE WORLD CUP

American teenager Kyle Giersdorf, 16, wins $3 million and takes the top prize at the Fortnite World Cup. The tournament is held at Arthur Ashe Stadium on July 28, 2019 in New York City. Giersdorf is one of at least 100 players competing for $30 million in total prize money.

TECH/SCIENCE

A NEW WAY TO APPLY

McDonald's announces a new initiative it is calling the "Apply Thru," where owners of Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant devices can begin job applications using standard "Alexa" and "Ok Google" voice commands. The company is also investing in ways to automate its self-order kiosk, mobile app and drive-thru experiences.



FORTNITE FREEZE

Popular online game *Fortnite* goes silent for 36 hours before launching an entirely new experience, dubbed Chapter 2. Epic Games, the creator of Fortnite, foreshadows this event through social media, via video trailer and by generating a black hole within the game itself.

3D TECHNOLOGY

Scientists from Dresden University of Technology in Germany develop a 3-D bioprinter capable of producing human tissue. Scientists design this technology specifically for future astronauts experiencing low gravity conditions.

AMAZING ADVANCEMENTS

Two successful experimental treatments are offered to Ebola patients in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Scientists note that 90% of those infected can ultimately be cured with these treatments.

OUT OF THIS WORLD ANNIVERSARY

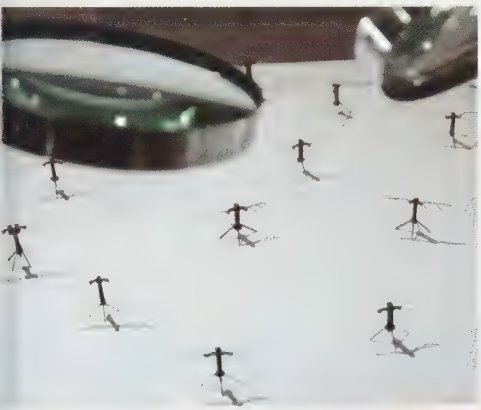
Fifty years ago, on July 20, 1969, about half a billion people across the globe – about one-seventh of the Earth's population at the time – watch NASA astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first humans ever to set foot on the moon as part of NASA's Apollo 11 lunar mission. The 50th anniversary celebration is marked with numerous events across the U.S. over five days. NASA restores the Apollo Mission Control Center to appear as it did during the original television broadcast of the moonwalk, to the delight of visitors to the Space Center Houston.

CORONAVIRUS CHAOS

An outbreak of a coronavirus first identified in China spreads quickly across the globe. The new coronavirus (officially called COVID-19) causes fever, cough and shortness of breath and is responsible for more than 1,100 deaths in mainland China as of February 2020.

MINECRAFT COMEBACK

According to Google trends, online searches for *Minecraft* peaked in 2012 and 2013. They have been on a steady decline since until 2019. In September, Google searches for the game boosted to 76% of their all-time high. It surpassed even *Fortnite*, arguably the most popular game in the world in 2018. This family-friendly game has 176 million copies sold as of May 2019, making it the second-highest game ever, under *Tetris*. Many companies choose to advertise on the game, as it is not violent or controversial. Younger audiences have gained interest with well-known YouTube personalities attracting new users and creating a widely popular weekly Minecraft tournament series known as "Minecraft Monday."



ROBOBEE

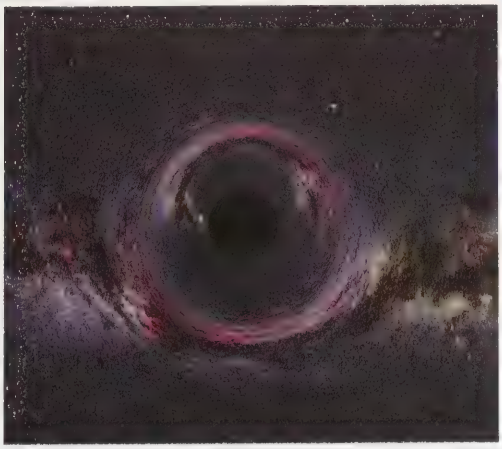
Harvard researchers Noah Jafferis and Elizabeth Helbling unveil an insect-inspired robot that can fly independent of a power source tether. The device, dubbed the RoboBee X-Wing, weighs a mere 259 milligrams.

NOBEL PRIZE

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is awarded to William Kaelin Jr., Peter Ratcliffe and Gregg Semenza for their discoveries related to how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability. This fundamental process is key to embryonic development, adapting to high altitudes and exercising, as well as developing treatments for anemia and various types of cancers.

DISTANT DISCOVERIES

NASA releases video of a black hole tearing apart a star millions of light-years away. Astronomers believe the black hole weighs about 6.6 million times the sun's mass and is located about 375 million light-years from Earth.



MUSIC/MOVIES

BILLBOARD #1 SONG

"Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus

RECORD BREAKER

Frozen II becomes the highest-grossing animated movie of all time.

END OF AN ERA

After 42 years and nine movies, the Skywalker saga comes to a close with the release of *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*.

NEW SCHOOL VS. OLD SCHOOL

Music streaming services are more popular than ever, with Spotify, Apple and Amazon in constant competition for the top spot. In contrast, vinyl records make a comeback among younger generations as a tangible alternative to digital options.

SPOTIFY'S MOST STREAMED PODCAST GENRE

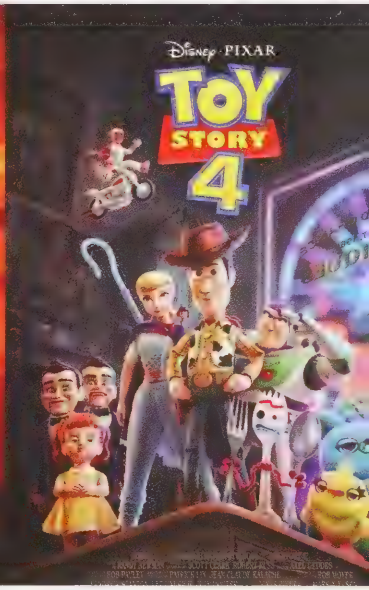
Comedy

TOP 3 MOVIES

#1 Avengers: Endgame

#2 The Lion King

#3 Toy Story 4



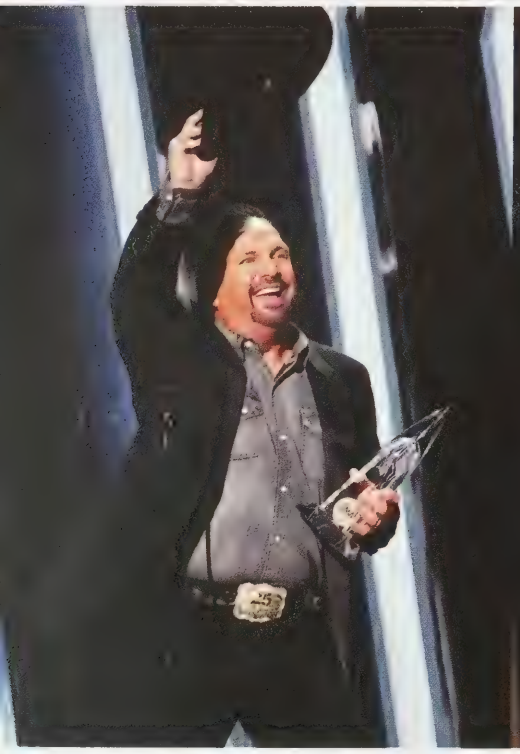
STREAMING SERVICES

Apple TV+ launches November 1 and Disney+ launches November 12, 2019. Apple notes they will offer fresh and exclusive content for just $5.99 per month, while Disney+ offers access to 7,500 episodes from various Disney shows and 500 movies for $8.99 per month.

CLASS OF 2020

ICON OF THE DECADE

Singer Taylor Swift is awarded the inaugural Icon Award at the 2019 Teen Choice Awards. Fox calls the artist "a pop culture icon whose accolades and achievements go beyond topping music charts and selling out stadiums worldwide." Taylor shares a surprise at the end of her acceptance speech, telling viewers that there's "so much to be excited about in the next 12 days." She then shares details of her new single, "Lover," which debuts on Friday, August 16. The following week, Swift's new album "Lover" drops and accounts for 27% of all U.S. album sales in its first week.



COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

Entertainer of the Year: Garth Brooks

Male Vocalist of the Year: Luke Combs

Female Vocalist of the Year: Kacey Musgraves

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

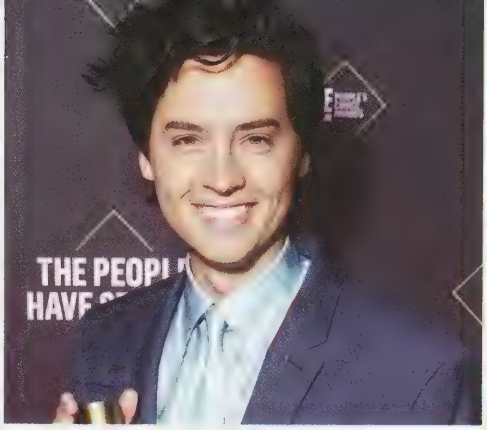
The Movie of 2019: *Avengers: Endgame*

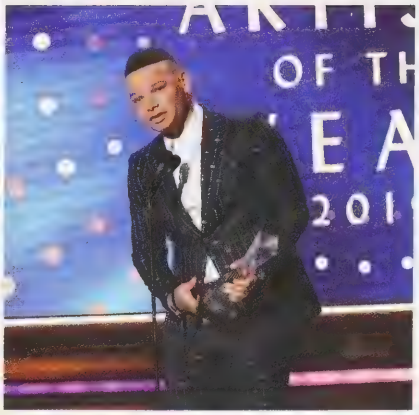
Male Movie Star of 2019: Robert Downey Jr., *Avengers: Endgame*

Female Movie Star of 2019: Zendaya, *Spider-Man: Far From Home*

Male TV Star of 2019: Cole Sprouse, *Riverdale*

Female TV Star of 2019: Millie Bobby Brown, *Stranger Things*



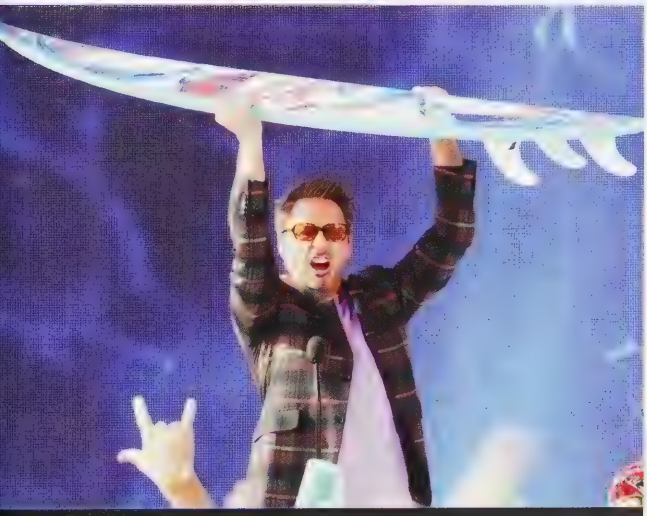


LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) gives the Cecil B DeMille lifetime achievement award to Tom Hanks at The Golden Globe Awards on January 5, 2020. Hanks has won four Golden Globes and has been nominated for nine. Hanks made his movie breakthrough in the 1988 film *Big*, with other career highlights including *Sleepless in Seattle*, *Saving Private Ryan* and voicing cowboy doll Woody in the Toy Story film series. He will next be seen on the big screen in *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* playing U.S. children's television host Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers).

ARTIST TO WATCH

Country Artist Kane Brown has released two albums in two years and has performed many successful collaborations with artists outside of Nashville, including "Saturday Nights REMIX," with almost 300 million streams on Spotify, and "One Thing Right" with music producer Marshmello and 42 million streams. Brown wins Male Video of the Year for his single "Lose It" and Artist of the Year at the 2019 CMT Artists of the Year ceremony.



TEEN CHOICE AWARDS

Big Winner: *Avenger: Endgame* – Choice Action Movie, Choice Action Movie Actor (Robert Downey Jr.) and Choice Action Movie Actress (Scarlett Johansson)

Choice Music Group: Why Don't We

Choice Summer Song: "Senorita" – Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello

Choice Summer TV Show: *Stranger Things*

PEOPLES ICON AWARD

Jennifer Aniston is honored as People's Icon at the 2019 People's Choice Awards in Santa Monica, California, on November 10. Aniston is well known for her role as Rachel Green in *Friends* and has since starred in countless romantic comedy hits such as *Marley & Me* and *He's Just Not That Into You*. Earlier this year, Aniston "breaks the internet" with her Instagram page, which crashes shortly after debuting her first post (a *Friends* cast reunion photo). Aniston racks up more than 116,000 followers in under an hour.

TRENDS

FAST FACTS

Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau

Minimum Wage: $11.06 per hour

Average Price of Gas: $1.1253/L

Population: 37.59 million (2019)*

*AS OF FEBRUARY 2020

POPULAR APPS

PLANT POPULARITY

Fast food restaurant chains introduce more meatless options than ever. McDonald's launches the P.L.T. (Plant. Lettuce. Tomato.) in 28 locations in Canada and Burger King introduces the Impossible Burger. Other fast-food companies have also joined the movement, including A&W and Qdoba, just to name a few.

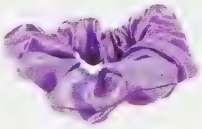
POPULAR ITEMS

AirPods

Clear bags

Fanny packs

Checkered Vans



Scrunchies

Phone stability accessories (PopSockets®, bands, etc.)

HydroFlasks

GAME CHANGERS

Toy manufacturers are working to make their games more accessible. Mattel releases a Braille version of its UNO card game, with game cards incorporating Braille on both sides of each card. Rules are translated and released through voice assistants Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant. Using AI technology, the LEGO Group convert instruction manuals into audio and Braille formats.

FASHION

What is old is new with '80s neon, tie-dye and fanny packs trending this year.

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